



CLOSING ON A HIGH
Indian hockey team goalkeeper PR Sreejesh holds the country's flag during the Closing Ceremony of the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou on Sunday. India finished with 107 medals, the highest ever, and fourth on the medals tally | **AFP** | **P15**



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Schemes that Changed the Life of People of the State for the Better

Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme
Free Health Insurance of **Rs. 25 LAKH** to every resident of the State



I was suffering from kidney disease. Expensive treatment like kidney transplant could be possible due to the Chiranjeevi Scheme and my life was saved.

Kaushalya

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I have got a big help by getting pension in form of Rs. 1000. I want the State Government to continue working in this manner.

Lala Ram Kumawat

Old Pension Scheme (OPS)
Old Pension Scheme (OPS) has been implemented for the personnel appointed on and after January 1, 2004



I am retired and I feel very happy with the restoration of the Old Pension Scheme. I thank the Rajasthan Government for starting this scheme, as I will now be able to lead a good life.

Rajkumari Jain

Mahatma Gandhi English Medium School
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Now I am able to speak in English in public due to Mahatma Gandhi English Medium School and my confidence has also increased. My parents and I are very happy with this.

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Sarju Devi

Zero Electricity Bill
2000 units per month Free Electricity To Farmers
100 units per month Free Electricity to Domestic Consumers



The State Government is giving 2000 units free electricity per month for farming, as a result the electricity bill has become zero. I thank the State Government for this from the bottom of my heart.

Teja Ram

“I wish the public welfare schemes of Rajasthan are implemented across the country”

Ashok Gehlot
Chief Minister, Rajasthan

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Seva hi Dharm**

Department Of Information And Public Relations , Rajasthan

Rajasthan Samwad



SPORTS HUB OF THE COUNTRY



Rewards & Recognition for Outstanding Sportspersons bringing Laurels to the Country



Foundation stone of international cricket stadium, Varanasi, laid

'Sports Policy' implemented in Uttar Pradesh for the first time

Medical insurance of registered players under Ayushman Bharat Yojana

2% horizontal reservation for sportspersons in government services

Government jobs to medal winners in international competitions

Appointment letters distributed to 490 constables selected under the 'skilled player quota' in the police department

Under the 'Ek Janpad-Ek Khel' programme
'Khelo India Center' established in all the districts

Establishment of Major Dhyanchand Sports University and development of Meerut as a sports hub

'Khelo India University Games-2022' organised, participation by 4,705 players from 200 universities of the country

'Sansad Khel Mahakumbh' organised

Construction of state's first 'Water Sports Complex' on 5-acre land and development of a rural stadium at a cost of Rs 10.43 crore in Gorakhpur

Construction of Major Dhyanchand Vijay Path for connecting the Residences/Villages of National and International Players

Guiding young sporting talents through 'Khel Sathi App'

Maximum benefit of Khelo India, Fit India Movement, Target Olympic Podium Scheme

Establishment of sports ground, open gymnasium and distribution of 'sports kit' in Vantangia villages

30 athletes of Tinkonia Jungle, Gorakhpur excelled in the National Youth Festival-Karnataka

80,000 Yuvak and Mahila Mangal Dal formed at Gram Panchayat level

More than 100 stadiums in rural areas managed by 'Yuvak and Mahila Mangal Dals'

Development of Sports Infrastructure, 30,000 sports grounds get facelift, Budget of Rs 25 crore for Sports Development Fund and establishment of 'Eklavya Kreedha Kosh'

An honorarium of Rs 1.50 lakh per month to international players for quality training in Residential Sports Hostels

INCENTIVE AMOUNT FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDAL WINNERS OF THE STATE

		Gold	Silver	Bronze
Olympic Games	Single	₹6 Crore	₹4 Crore	₹2 Crore
	Team (Per Player)	₹3 Crore	₹2 Crore	₹1 Crore

Incentive amount of ₹10 lakh to the participating player

Asian Games	₹3 Crore	₹1.5 Crore	₹75 Lakh
Commonwealth Games	₹1.5 Crore	₹75 Lakh	₹50 Lakh
World Cup	₹1.5 Crore	₹75 Lakh	₹50 Lakh

(Competition held in every 4 years)



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R Ashwin and R Jadeja celebrate their wickets on Sunday | ASHWIN PRASATH



INDIA SPIN FIRST WINNING TALE IN THE WORLD CUP

Australia were 36/1 when Rohit Sharma introduced spinner R Ashwin in the 10th over. By the time the three spinners had finished their spells, they were 175/8 after 46 overs with the three taking 6/104 runs in 30 overs and restrict Aussies to 199

KULDEEP SPINS A WEB

When Steve Smith and David Warner had negated Ashwin and Kuldeep Yadav to add 69 for the second wicket. India needed a breakthrough and Kuldeep delivered. Warner tried to hit over mid-off, but the ball drifted and ended as a soft caught and bowled. He cleaned up Glenn Maxwell later

06 WICKETS WIN FOR INDIA WITH V KOHLI MAKING 85 AND KL RAHUL 97

ASHWIN'S HOMECOMING

Local lad Ashwin came on to bowl from the Anna Pavilion end to a huge cheer. The odd ball was gripping and turning but he could not give breakthrough. In his second spell, the off-spinner changed ends and got his first wicket in this World Cup — Cameron Green. He finished with 1/34

JADEJA AT HOME IN CHEPAUK

Smith was batting like a dream. He had hardly mistimed and was nearing his fifty. In came, Ravindra Jadeja, the third of the spinners to come into play. He pitched around off-stump and straightened it sharply to bowl Smith. Then followed the dismissals of Marnus Labuschagne and Alex Carey as Jadeja ran through the middle-order | P15

POST-ARTICLE 370

NC-Congress win Ladakh council polls

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

The National Conference-Congress alliance defeated the BJP and swept the 26-member Kargil Hill Council polls in Ladakh Union Territory—the first poll to be held after scrapping of the Article 370.

National Conference emerged as the single largest party by winning 11 seats, while Congress won eight seats. Independents won three seats and BJP bagged two. Counting is on for two more seats. PDP did not contest the election.

There were 85 candidates in fray including 17 from NC and 22 from Congress. BJP contested from 17 seats.

The NC-Congress had the backing of two powerful religious institutions—Jamiat Ulema Kargil and Imam Khumaini Memorial Trust. The clerics of two religious institutions had appealed to people to vote against the BJP.

Reacting to peoples' verdict, NC VP Omar Abdullah said the BJP was dealt a resounding defeat by the NC-Congress alliance. "This result sends a message to all forces and parties that have, undemocratically and unconstitutionally, divided the state without the consent of its people."

He said the election results should serve as a wake-up call for BJP.

Hamas-Israel war kills 1,000

Tel Aviv officially declares war; US to send naval strike force and warplanes to Jerusalem



AGENCIES

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's security cabinet on Sunday officially declared the country at war and authorised its forces to carry out "significant military activities", a day after Gaza-based Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad sent their fighters across the border in an unprecedented terror push that killed at least 600 Israelis and injured more than 2,000 people.

With Israel's biggest ever assault on Gaza under way, nearly 400 people have been killed and the body count is rising. However, Israel was yet to expel Hamas fighters from its territory as of Sunday evening, more than 36 hours after the mass in-

cursion of the fighters from Palestine. According to reports, Israeli forces and Hamas fighters are trading fire in the streets of southern Israel.

It is for the first time that Israel has declared war since 1973, though its forces have carried out numerous operations in Lebanon and Gaza over the past decades without a formal declaration of war.

In the immediate retaliatory action, Israel said it has hit more than 800 targets in Gaza since Saturday. The two-day toll of 600 on the Israeli side is unprecedented in recent times. To put that in context, 1,329 Israeli civilians have been killed by terrorists in the 30 years since the Oslo Peace Accords. Netanyahu said Israel will take a

"mighty vengeance" and vowed to bring Hamas to its knees. "All the places that Hamas hides in, operates from, we will turn them into ruins," he said. Hinting that Israel is preparing for a long war with Hamas, he said, "This war will take time. It will be difficult."

Meanwhile, US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said he has ordered the Ford carrier strike group to sail to the Eastern Mediterranean to assist Israel. The USS Gerald R Ford and its approximately 5,000 sailors and deck of warplanes will be accompanied by cruisers and destroyers in a show of force that is meant to be ready to respond to anything, from possibly interdiction of additional weapons from reaching Hamas. P12

PMO monitoring situation, Indians in Israel safe

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

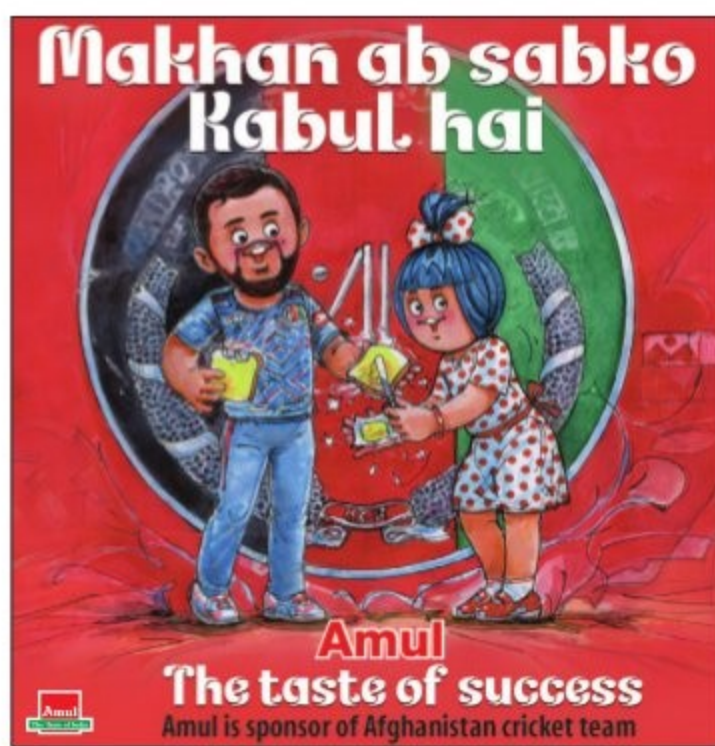
THERE have been no untoward incidents involving Indians living and working in Israel so far amid escalating tensions in the region. However, the Indian embassy in Tel Aviv received requests from citizens stranded in the country to facilitate their safe exit.

The requests have come from Indian tourists and businessmen. Meanwhile, Air India has cancelled all its flights to Tel Aviv till October 14.

Israel's Ambassador to India Naor Gilon said that some volunteers from India had reached out to him for any assistance required in Israel.

Bollywood actress Nushrat Bharucha was in Israel when the war broke out. She had gone there to attend the Haifa International Film Festival and was not reachable for a few hours. However, she could finally board a flight and return to Mumbai. She appeared visibly shaken when she landed but there are no further details on how she returned. Minister of State for External Affairs, Meenakshi Lekhi said the Prime Minister's Office is closely monitoring the situation in Israel and is concerned about the safety of the Indians there, specially the students.

"It is early to state when we will begin evacuation, but we could manage these tough exercises well," a source said.



Asked to remain indoors: Mangaloreans in Israel

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

"I have been working as a caretaker in Israel for the last 14 years, but have never experienced such a situation where civilians are mercilessly killed and kidnapped. We are resting our hopes on Israeli forces," said Lenard Fernandes from Vamanjoor near Mangaluru who lives at Herzliya, a coastal city in Israel.

Many Mangaloreans working in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Ramat Hasharon, Ga'ash Kibbutz and other cities in Israel shared their plight with The New Indian Express a day after Hamas soldiers infiltrated into Israel, killed civilians and shot thousands of rockets into one of the most protected countries in the world. "The authorities have told us to remain vigilant and not to venture out," they added.

"Though the place where I live is safe for now, we saw missiles being fired from Gaza. Few missiles landed near my place, but at least 15 of them were intercepted by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) with the help of Iron Dome (one of the most advanced missile shields)," Lenard said. CONTINUED ON: P7

No CAA yet, Centre uses '55 Act to grant citizenship

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

FOUR years after it enacted the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) to fast-track citizenship for non-Muslim migrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, the Centre continues to grant citizenship to foreigners under the Act 1955.

In its annual report for 2022-23 released on Saturday, the Ministry of Home Affairs said in eight months

last year, 1,739 Citizenship Certificates were granted to foreigners under the Citizenship Act 1955. The CAA could not be implemented as rules have not been formed under the new law. In August this year, the Ministry sought its eighth extension from the parliament committee seeking time till September-end to frame the rules.

The law, passed in December 2019, seeks to grant Indian citizenship to non-Muslim 'persecuted minorities'—Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis, and Christians—from Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, who came to India on December 31, 2014.

The Ministry in its report also said that the Centre has now delegated powers to 31 district collectors and home Secretaries of nine states to grant citizenship to non-Muslim minorities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

The government granted citizenship to non-Muslim migrants from the three countries in several districts of Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Punjab in 2016, 2018, and 2021. Legal experts told this paper that non-action in drafting the rules of the CAA and giving citizenship to non-Muslim migrants under the pre-2019 law raises serious questions about the centre's intentions.

2,000 DEAD IN AFGHANISTAN EARTHQUAKES



The death toll from a series of earthquakes in western Afghanistan rose sharply on Sunday to more than 2,000, the Taliban said, as bodies continued to be pulled from demolished villages. The toll, if confirmed, would make it one of deadliest quakes in Afghanistan | P12

EXPRESS READ

Rahul to vacate Wayanad, contest from Karnataka?

T'Puram: With hardly six months remaining for the Lok Sabha elections, the question being widely discussed among Congress leaders in Kerala is whether Rahul Gandhi will abandon Wayanad. "He is most likely to contest from a seat in Karnataka or from Kanyakumari," a Congress leader said | P7

India and UK to start next round of FTA talks

New Delhi: A 30-member official delegation from the UK will start the next round of negotiations for a free trade agreement with the Indian team here from Monday to close remaining issues so that the two countries conclude the talks soon. Both countries recently concluded the 13th round of negotiations.

State govt hands over fire tragedy investigation to CID

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A day after a fire tragedy at a fire-cracker shop near Attibele close to the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border, CM Siddaramaiah announced that the investigation into the case will be handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID). The toll in the tragedy, which was 12 at Saturday midnight, increased to 14 as two more bodies were found in the early hours of Sunday. The police have arrested three persons. The state government is planning to bring in stricter rules to open firecracker stalls, ahead of the Deepavali festival in November.

Siddaramaiah, who inspected the spot along with DCM DK Shivakumar and others, said 14 youngsters, most of them students, lost their



CM Siddaramaiah, Dy CM D K Shivakumar and Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy inspect the gutted cracker shop at Attibele on Sunday

lives. "Prima facie, there were no safety measures at the shop. The licence holder, Ramaswamy Reddy had two valid licences (one from September 13, 2023 to October 31, 2023 and the other from January 18, 2021 to January 28, 2026) under the Explosive Substances Act to store and sell up to 1,000 kg of crackers." P5

OPENED FINALLY

Purple Line extension to be launched today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BOWING to enormous pressure from the public, the Union Urban Affairs Ministry on Sunday gave the green signal to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BM-RCL) to throw open the Purple Line extensions for commercial operations from Monday without a formal launch.

BMRCL confirmed that the full stretch of 43.49 km between Whitefield (Kadugodi) and Challaaghatta will be opened for public by 5 am on Monday. The stretch, which has 37 stations, will take 82 minutes to cover and the ticket will cost Rs 60. P4

Muslim family performs Hindu rituals, targeted

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Gokarna

IT was a rare instance when a Muslim family performed Hindu rituals for their ancestors at Gokarna recently. But things didn't go well for the family, as after the video went viral, they started receiving messages from some people, who were out to tarnish them.

The family, which is into wood carving business and stays in Dhaneshwari Nagar in

Dharwad, performed the rituals at the temple ritual hall on Thursday. One of the women from the family, identified as Shamsah, said they have believed in Hindu customs and traditions for long. They get birth kundalis done for their newborns and also believe in Hindu astrology she said.

A priest, who did not want to be named, said, "The family has close Hindu friends in Gadag and they go to temples and other

religious places together. They came here because Shamsah's brother was not finding a suitable match for the wedding."

The family consulted an astrologer, who told them that Shamsah's grandfather Hussain Saab's soul was not at peace, though he passed away several years ago. The astrologer suggested to the family to offer 'Pind Daan' to Hussain Saab at Gokarna, which was performed by four priests. P7



Members of the Muslim family perform Hindu rituals for their ancestors at Gokarna recently | EXPRESS

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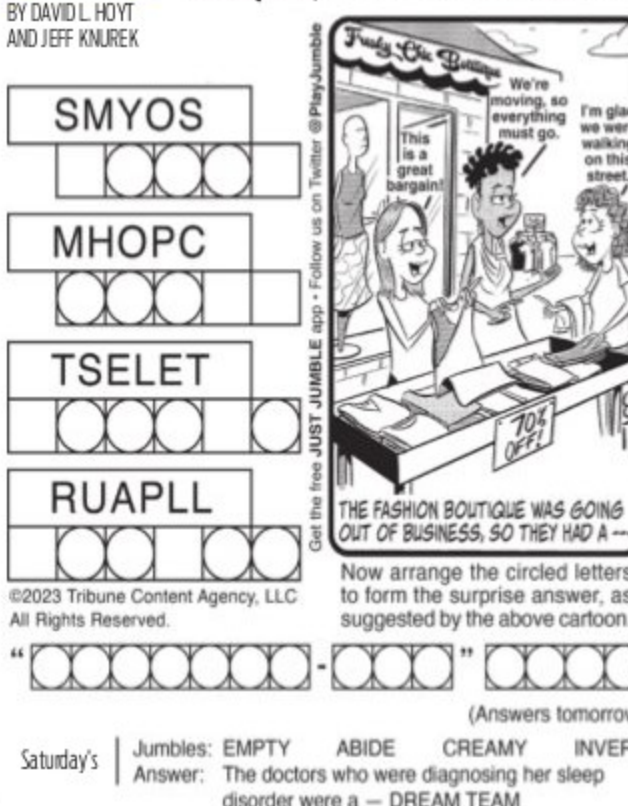
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Deceased were working to support kin

- ALONG WITH THEIR STUDIES, THE YOUTH HAD TAKEN THIS UP AS A PART-TIME JOB
- CM TO CONVENE MEETING WITH OFFICIALS TO FIND WAYS TO PREVENT SUCH INCIDENTS

CHETAN MG & AKNISREE KARTHIK
@ Bengaluru

MAJORITY of the youth who lost their lives in the fire tragedy at the Attibele cracker shop cum godown had taken up the part-time job to earn money to pursue their education and meet family expenses. Seven out of 14 youth were related, all from T Ammapettai village in Harur taluk of Dharmapuri district in Tamil Nadu. Their parents are farm labourers struggling to earn even Rs 100-200 per day.

Relatives of the deceased who gathered at the hospital, where autopsy was conducted on Sunday, said the youth wanted to come up in life. "Along with their studies they used to take up part-time jobs and this offer came their way as Deepavali is approaching," a relative said.

"One youth was in his 12th, some were pursuing under-graduation and some already were degree holders. Those who were pursuing their education had applied leave for this work," he said. The victims were engaged in packing cracker gift boxes and were paid Rs 6 per box. They made around Rs 600 per day, while they were given free food and accommodation. It is common for youth hailing from villages in Krishnagiri, Salem, Dharmapuri and Tiruvannamalai districts to come to the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border area, where there are hundreds of cracker shops, and engage in cracker packaging and related works during Deepavali. The relative said they got to know about the fire tragedy on Saturday evening. "Only did we know that our children were employed here. We all rushed to Attibele. By the time we came, the bodies were being brought out," he said.

The parents and relatives struggled to identify the charred bodies, he added. "Most of the seven youth were single children. What should be the fate of the parents who have lost their lone children? For someone's fault, innocent lives are lost and who will compensate for this," he asked, urging both Tamil Nadu and Karnataka governments to provide jobs in government departments on compassionate grounds.



Firefighters inspect burnt debris at the spot. Around 134 fire personnel were deployed to fight the blaze, which continued till Sunday morning | EXPRESS

CM announces ₹5L relief to the families of victims

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah said, "The structure had no fire safety equipment, such as fire extinguishers. The fire department has given a no-objection certificate based on which the deputy commissioner has issued the licence. The DC should have visited the shop before issuing the licence."

He said crackers had arrived in trucks on Saturday afternoon and the incident occurred while they were being unloaded between 3.15 pm and 3.30 pm. "The cause of the fire is still under investigation," he added. He announced Rs 5 lakh compensation to the families of the deceased. The state government will bear the medical expenses of four persons who were injured and are being treated, he added. Tamil Nadu Health Minister Ma Subramanian, who visited the scene, also announced Rs 3 lakh compensation from the TN government.

DK Shivakumar said the state will formulate a policy to ensure that such incidents don't repeat. "We will conduct a survey across the state to check whether cracker stalls and godowns are adhering to safety guidelines," he added. The CM and DCM also visited the hospital, where the injured are being treated.

THREE ARRESTED

THE Attibele police have registered an FIR against five persons under the provisions of the Explosive Substances Act and Sections 285 (negligent conduct with respect to fire or combustible matter), 286 (negligent conduct with respect to explosive substance), 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others), 338 (causing grievous hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) and 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the IPC. The police have arrested the licence holder Ramaswamy Reddy, his son Naveen Reddy, who was also injured, and land owner Anil Reddy. The police are on the hunt for two others.

BJP, JDS LEADERS DEMAND ACTION AGAINST OFFICIALS

A day after the firecrackers incident in Attibele near Bengaluru, BJP and JDS leaders have demanded the state government to order a probe, and take action against the officials concerned. Former CM Basavaraj Bommai alleged that the local district administration is responsible for the tragedy. He said the licence and permission was issued illegally by taking money and allowed storing the crackers, which led to the tragedy. Former CM HD Kumaraswamy also called for a high-level probe.

GOVT LOOKS TO FRAME SAFETY GUIDELINES

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah is calling a meeting with officials concerned on Tuesday to discuss the framing of stringent rules, as well as to prepare safety guidelines for Deepavali. Sources in the CM's Office said Siddaramaiah is in Delhi at present, and once he is back, the meeting will take place on Tuesday with various stakeholders, including revenue, police and other senior officials, to discuss measures to prevent such incidents in future. This time around, the government likely to enforce more stringent rules. Deepavali is celebrated in November.

CRIME PATROL

Dismissed employees set office on fire

BENGALURU: Enraged over their employer dismissing them and not clearing their salaries, two employees of a real estate firm allegedly set fire to their office, damaging furniture and other articles worth Rs 11 lakh. The incident took place at Prithvi Park Square Real Estate Company in Puttenahalli police station limits. The accused have been identified as Rahul Pujari, who worked as an area sales manager, and Lavson Peter John, a regional sales manager. Police said both were laid off as they failed to meet their business targets, and the firm had allegedly not cleared their salaries despite repeated requests. On September 27, Pujari and John went to the office and asked the housekeeping staff to leave. They then set the facility ablaze, damaging office walls, computer tables, switchboards, and other articles worth Rs 11 lakh. A case is registered with Puttenahalli police station, and efforts are on to nab the accused.

Deliveryman dies after truck hits bike

BENGALURU: A 38-year-old delivery executive was fatally injured after an over-speeding truck rammed his bike on the Electronics City elevated expressway. The deceased is identified as Ramesh Nayak, who worked for an online grocery firm. The incident occurred when Nayak was riding his bike to deliver orders around 12.05 pm, in Electronics City traffic police limits, on Saturday. Nayak, a native of Mysuru, resided in Sarjapur Road with his wife, Manjubai, and two daughters, aged 9 and 12. He was on the flyover riding between Veerasandra and Konappana Agrahara Junction. As he was going on the right side of the road, an over-speeding truck that was coming behind, rammed his bike. Passersby who witnessed the accident called an ambulance and rushed Nayak to hospital. However, due to excessive bleeding and grievous head injuries, he could not be saved. Meanwhile, the truck driver has been identified as Kamalesh, a native of Tamil Nadu, who has since been arrested.

3-yr-old riding pillion falls, comes under BMTC bus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A three-year-old boy was run over by a BMTC bus in Hulimavu Traffic police limits on Sunday. The deceased child is identified as Ayaan Pasha.

Ayaan was on pillion while his aunt, Gauhar Usma, was riding a scooter. The two were waiting at Kudlu Cross traffic signal around 1.20 pm on Sunday, police said.

As Gauhar started her vehicle to leave from the traffic junction, Ayaan, who was sitting behind and holding his aunt, lost balance and tumbled onto the road. Meanwhile, a BMTC bus, which was coming behind, ran over the boy, police explained.

Ayaan was a native of Maddur in Mandya district and was staying with Gauhar and her husband Firoz Khan in Singasandra for over a year. His father, Naeem Pasha, is a scrap dealer in Maddur, while his mother, Baby Aisha, is a homemaker. The parents were in Maddur at the time of the accident. A case has been registered.

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PIGEON PLAGUE

The birds and their droppings are leading to lung diseases, and Bengaluru has a problem of plenty, with its architecture providing a safe habitat

AKNISREE KARTHIK AND
BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

MUMBAI'S pulmonologists have linked a worrying rise in cases of fibrotic lung disease hypersensitivity pneumonitis or 'bird breeder's lung' to the city's exploding pigeon population. India's Silicon Valley Namma Bengaluru has the same problem, although no deaths have been reported.

Dr Satyanarayana Mysore, HOD and Consultant - Pulmonology, lung transplant physician, Manipal Hospital - Old Airport Road, said, "Pigeon fancier's disease has been known for ages. Pigeon droppings incite a very pronounced immune response which may lead to injury in the lung. In response to this injury, the reparative process becomes quite well pronounced, and can lead to scarring of the lung."

"Scars prevent good contraction or expansion of the lung, and also limit the point of how much oxygen and carbon dioxide can be exchanged at the basement membrane of the lung. Definitely, this is a correlation done over many years, 20 to 30 years at best, and there's lots of literature linking birds, especially pigeons, with disability in the lung," Dr Satyanarayana said. "Since the outcome of the process is visible over years, people may not experience symptoms to begin with. It may be labelled bronchitis because they have cough and expectoration (sputum or phlegm production) which may be very intermittent. However, once the scarring process starts, we label it hypersensitivity pneumonitis (HP). The scarring is more evident on the upper portion of the lung, compared to the bottom of the lung which usually gets spared due to aerodynamics."

Dr Sandeep H S, Consultant Pulmonologist, BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital, said there are many causes of hypersensitivity pneumonia, however, in the cases he has treated, the patients were either pigeon feeders or lived in close proximity to pigeons.

Just being exposed to pigeons or their droppings once or twice may not lead to hypersensitivity pneumonia, but prolonged exposure does, he said. "Those who feed pigeons on a regular basis, or are exposed to the birds which are regular visitors to homes, balconies and spaces around their buildings, and inhale pigeon droppings, will have a problem," said Dr Sandeep.

Dr Sandeep has previously worked in Mumbai, where pigeon feeding is common and has reported the highest caseload of HP. Bengaluru is also picking up the habit, and widespread public awareness is the key to keep the disease at bay.

"HP can be divided into three stages. In the first two stages - acute and subacute - it is mild and treatable with steroids. However, in the chronic stage, damage to the lungs is extreme and irreversible. A majority of patients reach us in the chronic stage only," said Dr Sandeep.

He said there are no standard rules on handling pigeon droppings in the city.

What are the treatment options?

Initial doses of steroids may provide some relief. However, long-term prognosis is probably not preventable. Some of the serotypes of pigeons may respond to doxycycline, and may be combined with steroids, Dr Satyanarayana said.

Both Dr Satyanarayana and Dr Sandeep said that preven-

tion is better than cure, and birds should be set free in the atmosphere. Prevention lies in not breeding the birds or wanting to keep them as pets.

No law prohibits feeding

There are many pigeon feeders who head to multiple pigeon feeding spots across the city, including parks, playgrounds and public spaces. They feed them grains of wheat, rice, ragi, bajra, maize and pulses. They also feed leftovers like cooked rice.

"I have been feeding pigeons and crows every day for more than two decades. I feel my day is complete only if I feed the birds. The feel of the birds flying towards you after you throw the feed gives satisfaction," said Sampath Raj, a bird feeder.

However, there are people who have a problem with feeding of birds in public, as the place gets dirty. There have been many instances where the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and other or-

KEEPING PESTS AT BAY

1

Do not keep balconies empty, have pots and creepers

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Keep balconies free of garbage or any waste

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Put nets in case of high rises

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Plant native species around

As of now, there are no guidelines by the Centre and state government, nor BBMP, on bird feeding. From time to time, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare updates the list of zoonotic diseases of public health importance, and has not listed any disease related to pigeons

Arun Prasad, animal activist

ganisations have put up boards, asking people not to feed birds. When faced with the wrath of citizens, they pulled the boards down.

Animal rights activist Arun Prasad said, "Birds like pigeons are scavengers, and capable of finding their own food. They earlier found their feed in agricultural fields and trash bins. However, there are hardly any open fields in the city and as waste is collected at source, pigeons are deprived of that option too. So where should their food come from? They are dependent on humans who have exploited their source of food."

"As of now, there are no guidelines by the Union and state government on bird feeding. From time to time, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare updates the list of zoonotic diseases of public health importance. Zoonotic diseases spread from animals to humans, like rabies, anthrax, zika virus, plague, leptospirosis, ebola etc. The recent coronavirus is also listed. They have not listed any disease related to pigeons, as they haven't found them in large numbers," Prasad explained, and

ernment has no right to stop it. If the government imposes restrictions on feeding, it will be a direct violation of Article 51A(g) of the Indian Constitution, which states that the natural environment, including forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife should be protected and improved, and to have compassion for living creatures. Putting up boards and banners prohibiting feeding is against the guidelines of the Animal Welfare Board of India," he added.

If people don't feed birds and animals, the onus is on the government to feed them, Prasad said we should learn to co-exist with nature, birds and animals.

What ornithologists, ecologists say

As health concerns rise among medical experts and citizens, there is a mixed response among ornithologists and environmentalists. Pointing out that pigeons have adapted to architectural facades that have created safe roosting habitats, they say there is an urgent need for architects to be sensitive to environmental needs.

Noted environmentalist MB Krishna said pigeons are not alien to the city. Rising multi-storey buildings in urban areas prove suitable and safe habitats, leading to a rise in their population. Multi-storey buildings with ledges are ideal for them. Citizens should come up with out-of-the-box ideas and initiatives to keep pigeons at bay, like more green spaces, having more creepers and even nets on all structures.

Environmentalists have advised architects to change their structural design and planning to keep pigeons at bay. "Pigeons are a menace because of our own lifestyle. Ultra-modern architecture, without environmental knowledge, is leading to a rise in pigeon numbers. Hori-

zontal facades with protrusions need to end. Construction of dome-like tower structures also needs to stop to ensure that pigeons' roosting spaces are reduced," the environmentalist said.

Noted ornithologist Dr S Subramanya pointed out that since there is no natural predator to hunt down pigeons, they are on the rise. Present-day architecture is another cause for concern. In Montreal, Peregrine Falcons hunt pigeons. But in India, they are migratory birds. They breed all through the year, and it takes 2-3 months per brood. There is, thus, a need for preventive barriers. Pigeons are not new, they were earlier found in Nandi Hills and are still found there as rock pigeons. Over time, they have moved to urban areas and adapted to urban life.

The environmentalist added that the problem is that many people feed pigeons. Some religious beliefs deem it a holy act. Despite the Karnataka High Court taking cognizance of this, feeding pigeons continues unabated in Cubbon Park and other places in Bengaluru. Dwellers of many apartment complexes in Bengaluru have been complaining to environmentalists and ornithologists, seeking solutions to end the pigeon menace. They point to their droppings, falling feathers and even their cooing. Pigeons are also a menace in Metro stations, under flyovers and underpasses.

Ashwin Vishwanatham from the Nature Conservation Foundation said there has been a 100 per cent rise in their population in the past 20-30 years. There is a need to conduct detailed research on the impact. Case studies in some pockets, like Mumbai, have shown that people's health, especially their lungs, is affected because of pigeons, but the same impact in larger areas is still being studied.

BJP, JDS workers wary of alliance, recall debacle of 2019

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

EVEN as BJP-JDS leaders prepared to forge an alliance to take on the Congress in Karnataka's 28 Lok Sabha constituencies in the 2024 polls, there is growing opposition within the state units of both parties.

The JDS continues to face the wrath of a section of leaders, especially Muslims, including state president C M Ibrahim, who plan to sever their relationship with the party as it's aligning with the saffron party which they term "communal".

Meanwhile, BJP leaders' public stance is likely to put the regional JDS on the backfoot with regard to seat-sharing, which is yet to be finalised. Former Union minister D V Sadananda Gowda on Saturday dared to take on the BJP high command, saying that state leaders were not taken into confidence, and that 75 per cent of party leaders are against the alliance.

Referring to Gowda's statement, former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday maintained that the alliance and seat-sharing had not been finalised. Senior leader CT Ravi observed that unless workers at the grassroots of both parties are taken into confidence, the going will be tough for the alliance. "On the day the high command took the alliance decision,

I was informed by the party headquarters but have received no more communication. I am in charge of Madhya Pradesh assembly polls and getting busy," he quipped. He pointed out that in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the Congress-JDS alliance did not work out as only leaders showed up hand in hand on the dais, but that did not go down well with party workers. Former chief minister and JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy, though, expressed confidence that leaders and workers of both parties can work in tandem.

In Hassan, Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru and Chikkaballapura, BJP leaders want their own candidates to contest, and JDS may have to settle for 2-3 seats.

Bond against DK brothers

BJP and JDS leaders have shown enthusiasm to contest from Bengaluru Rural LS seat, the turf of DK Suresh, younger brother of DyCM D K Shivakumar. Vokkaliga leaders Kumaraswamy and BJP's CP Yogeshwar, who were at loggerheads until recently, are keen to unite against Shivakumar; also a Vokkaliga, and defeat Suresh. On Sunday, Yogeshwar held a meeting of his supporters and BJP workers in Channarayana, while Kumaraswamy met JDS workers of Ramanagara, Kanakapura and Magadi constituencies.

Govt will fall, DKS may go back to jail: HDK

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FORMER chief minister and JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy, who predicted that the Congress government in Karnataka will collapse resulting in fresh polls in the state in 2024, on Sunday claimed that Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar would go back to jail.

"The pot of sin of this government has been overflowing. I have never seen such a bad government, which will go because of internal strife, and Assembly elections will surely be held in the state in 2024. I doubt that the person (DK Shivakumar) will become a candidate for that election as I know what will happen. He has visited Tihar Jail once, and no surprise if he goes back there permanently," he told reporters after a meeting of party workers at his farmhouse. He alleged that Shivakumar left him during the Congress-JDS regime of 2018-19, and added that the former was responsible for that government's collapse. It is because of the feud between Shivakumar and former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi that the government crumbled, he alleged.

Caste census leads to hatred

Kumaraswamy also lashed out at the Congress government in the state, since it has been playing with the issue of the caste census report. "On the one hand, the Congress claims to be secular, while on the other, it spreads hatred between castes with a caste census report. The caste census is not important, as the poor of all castes should be provided facilities," he charged.



A Central drought study committee team in a farm in Sandur taluk

Ballari farmers' plight moves Central drought panel team

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Ballari

A team of the central drought study committee visited Ballari to put together a report on the district's drought situation and submit it to the Union Government. Listening to stories about the farmers' dire situation, amidst the drought, made the officials emotional. They also visited the house of a farmer in Sandur taluk, who took his own life last month, unable to handle the effects of the drought.

A team of four IAS officers, led by senior official of central drinking water and sanitation department, D Rajshakar, visited a few villages in Sandur, where they spoke to farmers about their problems, and urged them not to lose hope. The Centre will soon take necessary steps to help farmers in drought-like situations in Ballari, the said.

Ballari Deputy Commissioner Prashanth Kumar Mishra confirmed the officials' visit, adding that from the district administration, all necessary information was provided to them. "The central drought study committee interacted with farmers in Bandri village, and women farmers explained how the drought situation had affected livelihoods. The officials later visited a farmer's house in Sriramashetti village. This farmer had ended his life, unable to pay back a crop loan. Later, the officials assured that necessary action would be taken and a report would be submitted to the Centre. The team's visit reassured the farmers," the DC added.

Farmers shell out large sums to buy AP fodder

6 SUBHASH CHANDRA @Chitradurga

NOT only human beings, even cows, sheep and goats are suffering because of the prevailing drought condition that has caused a severe shortage of fodder and water in the district.

Deputy Commissioner Divyaprabhu GRJ said there is no shortage of funds to address drinking water needs. Places have been identified to set up goshas to protect the livestock, she added.

Farmers from Molakalmuru, Challakere and Hiriyur in Chitradurga district and Kudligi in Ballari district are procuring fodder from the neighbouring Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh, where paddy is grown in large tracts of land.

Though the Rangayyadurga dam is overflowing and there is enough water in Perlagudda's Gorlamare and Bodikatte, it is not being utilised by farmers in these areas. Water is flowing into Andhra Pradesh, allowing farmers there to grow paddy and groundnut crops. But farmers in Molakalmuru, Challakere and Hiriyur taluks of the dis-

trict, where plentiful fodder is grown in a normal year, are in distress. They are now shelling out large sums of money to buy fodder from Andhra Pradesh. The paddy hay, which used to cost Rs 3,000-4,000 per tractor, is now sold for Rs 5,000-6,000, while the groundnut husk that was sold at Rs 10,000-12,000 now costs Rs 20,000-25,000.

Chinna Obayya, a farmer from BG Kere, said the district administration should hand over fodder kits to farmers and also grow fodder. MGNREGA workers should be used to grow fodder in tank beds that do not have standing water; but have enough moisture to grow fodder, he added.

Doddauhallurthi Kariyanna said the central government team visiting the state to assess the drought problem should have gone to severely hit areas in Challakere and Molakalmuru. "I have already sold my 10 goats to butchers as I was not able to feed them."

Thippeswamy from Nayakanahatti said enhancing MGNREGA workdays to 150 is a good move and it should be used to desilt lakes and construct check dams.



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah interacts with former PM HD Deve Gowda at Bengaluru airport, before his departure to Delhi to attend the CWC meeting, on Sunday

MP for setting up Doppler radars in Karnataka

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REALISING the need for a Doppler weather radar (DWR) system, which can ensure accurate weather monitoring and forecasting in Karnataka, Rajya Sabha member Iranna Kadadi from Belagavi has submitted a proposal to the central government.

Kadadi met Union Minister

for Earth Sciences Kiran Rijju in New Delhi recently and submitted a memorandum. He said, "Karnataka is a diverse and agriculturally-rich state with varied geographical zones, making it susceptible to unpredictable weather patterns. Despite being the second-highest rainfall receiving site in the country, our state currently lacks a crucial tool

that can ensure accurate weather monitoring and forecasting - a Doppler Weather Radar (DWR). At present, there is not a single DWR system across Karnataka."

The closest DWR to Karnataka is in Goa, leaving us heavily dependent on the neighbouring state for timely weather information. We propose that the following four

strategic locations be considered for the installation of Doppler Radars - Kundapura, Belagavi, Raichur and Bengaluru.

Kadadi said Rijju positively responded to the memorandum, saying that Doppler radars are being manufactured in India under PM Narendra Modi's 'Atma nirbhar Bharat' initiative.

PRESSURE ON RAHUL TO VACATE WAYANAD

Likely to contest from the North, or Kanyakumari, or from a seat in Karnataka

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With hardly six months remaining for the Lok Sabha elections, the question being widely discussed among Congress leaders in the state is whether Rahul Gandhi will abandon Wayanad. Will he shift to another constituency in the south, or seek mandate from the Hindi heartland?

"There is no reason for Ra-

hul Gandhi to contest yet again from Wayanad. He is most likely to contest from Kanyakumari or from a seat in Karnataka," former state Congress chief Mullappally Ramachandran told *The New Indian Express*.

Several Congress leaders in the state, especially loyalists of national general secretary (organization) K C Venugopal, share Mullappally's opinion. The sitting MP from Kanyaku-

mari V Vijaya Kumar aka Vijay Vasanth was elected in 2021 byelection necessitated by the death of his father H Vasanthakumar.

However, pressure is mounting on Rahul to contest only from north India in 2024, unlike last time when he contested from both Amethi and Wayanad, and ended up losing his family's pocket borough in Uttar Pradesh.

There is a strong feeling in

the Congress, especially among national leaders, that Rahul contesting only from north India will revive the party that is heading the opposition alliance INDIA, in the Hindi belt.

"The stature of Rahulji has grown manifold after the Bharat Jodo Yatra. Keeping this in mind, there is a feeling within the party that he should contest from the Hindi heartland in 2024," said a senior Congress leader.



Eyes on Hindi heartland

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3 of family found charred to death in Shivamogga dist

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

THREE members of a family were found charred to death, and one in critical condition at Kekod near Aralasuruli in Thirthahalli taluk on Sunday morning. While Thirthahalli MLA Araga Jnanendra said the family committed suicide, the police are yet to reveal the cause of death.

The deceased have been identified as Raghavendra Kekod (60), his wife Nagaratna (55), and their elder son Shriram (30). Another son Bharat (28), sustained serious injuries and has been admitted to the hospital for treatment. The police are investigating the cause of the incident.

Superintendent of Police Mithun Kumar GK told reporters that the police found leads for establishing the cause of the incident.

"The younger son Bharat who sustained about 50% burns, will give his statement. He has been shifted to a hospital in Shivamogga for treatment. Investigation is on and the cause of the incident will be known after the probe," the SP said.

Mithun Kumar said the incident happened early morning.



People gather outside the house of the victims at Kekod near Aralasuruli in Thirthahalli taluk on Sunday

Fre extinguishers arrived at the spot and doused the fire. The SP said that the three bodies were found piled up. "The survivor has revealed some information. I cannot reveal the information till the probe concludes. The forensic team and dog squads conducted inspection and we have gathered some evidence," he said.

Former home minister and Thirthahalli MLA Araga Jnanendra visited the spot and said he had known the family for a long time.

"The family was economically sound and there was no reason to end their lives like this. However, police investigation will reveal further information," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Train tragedy: 28 unclaimed bodies to be disposed of

Bhubaneswar: Four months after the Bahanaga train tragedy that claimed 296 passengers and left over 900 injured, the state government has initiated process for scientific disposal of 28 unclaimed bodies, stored at AIIMS, Bhubaneswar. The decision to dispose of the unidentified bodies scientifically was taken after last DNA samples collected from three purported relatives from West Bengal in mid September did not match with that of bodies. The last body was handed over to relatives over a month back. **ENS**

RMC organises national health conference

Bengaluru: Ramaiah Medical College (RMC), under Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences (RUAS), held the inauguration and convocation ceremony of the 63rd Annual Conference of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMSCON) on Saturday. Dr OP Kharbanda, Pro Vice-Chancellor, RUAS, was honoured as National Academy of Medical Sciences Emeritus Professor. Over 100 senior healthcare professionals were also honoured with fellowships and memberships of NAMS. NAMS is a distinguished body operating under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. Addressing the attendees, Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot said healthcare, being both a human and divine service, requires doctors to unite for the advancement of the nation. Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Science and Technology, said it's a great moment for the growth of science in India. **ENS**



RIDING FOR A CAUSE

A 'bikeathon' to raise awareness about breast cancer was held in Visakhapatnam on Sunday | **EXPRESS**

Aditya-L1 on its way to Sun's L1 Point, says ISRO

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ON its way to the Sun's Lagrange Point (L1), Aditya-L1 spacecraft has successfully corrected its trajectory to be on the right path towards the halo for the orbit insertion, informed the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) on Sunday. The scientists also said that Aditya-L1 is "healthy".

"A Trajectory Correction Manoeuvre (TCM), originally provisioned, was performed on Oc-

tober 6, 2023, for about 16 s. It was needed to correct the trajectory evaluated after tracking the Trans-Lagrangian Point 1 Insertion (TLI1) manoeuvre performed on September 19, 2023," the space agency stated on platform X.

Trajectory corrections are done so that the spacecraft remains on course for its destination, this is usually done for missions that are for longer durations. After the Trans Lagrangian Point 1 Insertion manoeuvre on Sep-

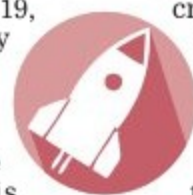
tember 19, scientists had said that there could be trajectory errors and would need due correction.

"TCM ensures that the spacecraft is on its intended path towards the halo orbit insertion around L1," said ISRO.

As Aditya-L1 continues to move ahead, the magnetometer will be turned on again within a few days. The payload is developed by the Laboratory for Electro-Optics Systems in Ben-

galuru and helps to measure interplanetary magnetic fields at L1 Point. The spacecraft is on a 110-day journey through space and is expected to reach Sun's L1 Point by the second week of January 2024. While L1 is 1.5 million km from the Earth the spacecraft will cover only one per cent Earth-Sun distance.

Aditya-L1, India's maiden mission to study the Sun, was launched on September 2 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.



We offer services to all communities, religions: Priest

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THOUGH done in good faith, some people have started targeting the family. This has made the family wary and all attempts to contact them went in vain. The family has also told the authorities at Gokarna not to give out any details.

Subramanya Chitragimath, one of the priests who performed the rituals, told TNIE, "We do the rituals for satvik purposes. We offer services to all communities and religions and there is no discrimination as there is equality here. We allow everyone inside the temple. We do not differentiate among devotees. But some people try to play politics and the family is pained by this. This family knows a lot about Hinduism. They recite Ganapati Stotra and perform Datatreya Upasana too. At Gokarna, we have salam puja since the days of Tipu Sultan for the welfare of kings and people who rule."

Apart from Chitragimath, Nagraj Bhat Gurling too was part of the team that performed the rituals. Gokarna has a special place for Hindus as they believe that rituals performed here for ancestors will ensure moksha to the departed souls, which is usually mocked by non-believers and those of other religions. Contrary to this, the Muslim family had performed the rituals.

A few years ago, a Christian family performed Hindu rituals at Gokarna. But this probably is the first time that a Muslim family has done so.

Thanks to KTR, man returns to TS after spending 18 years in UAE jail

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@ Rajanna-Sircilla

A youth, hailing from Konaraopet in Telangana, has returned home after spending 18 years in a jail in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), for his alleged involvement in a murder in 2005. This was made possible due to the intervention of IT & Industries Minister KT Rama Rao, who requested the authorities in UAE to release him and four others.

The youth, Dundagula Laxman, left for Dubai in search of employment in the early 2000s. However, in 2005, he found himself embroiled in a murder case involving a Nepali citizen, along with four others: Shivaratri Ravi, Mallesh, Nampalli and Hanumandlu. A court in Dubai had sentenced them all to 25 years in prison for their involvement in the crime. A few months ago, Rama Rao



Laxman with his mother at Konaraopet mandal in Rajanna-Sircilla district

visited Nepal and handed over ₹15 lakh in compensation to the murder victim's family. He also made a plea to the government in UAE for a pardon. However, due to the seriousness of the crime, the government authorities in UAE did not initially accept the request.

In September, as part of his efforts to attract investments

from Dubai to Telangana, Rama Rao visited Dubai. During this visit, he made efforts to secure the release of the five convicted persons. He engaged in discussions regarding their release with Indian consulate authorities and UAE government authorities. Eventually, a Dubai court granted a pardon to Laxman, considering his good conduct during his time in jail. However, the four others remain incarcerated in Dubai.

Laxman, upon returning to his native place, was joyfully reunited with his family amidst emotional scenes. His family members shared that the long period of imprisonment had taken a toll on Laxman's psychological well-being. His brother, Raju, expressed their gratitude to the minister.

The families of the remaining four are now appealing to Rama Rao to initiate efforts to secure their release from jail.

'Following guidelines of Indian embassy'

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"WE had to rush to mammad, a reinforced security room required in all new buildings by Israeli law, or to shelter rooms. Hamas never targeted civilians before. But this time, they have entered homes and streets and mercilessly killed civilians, including women and children and held them hostage," Lenard said. Fr Santhosh, who is living in Jerusalem - close to the Old City, said the situation is tense but under control. "We are in touch with the Indian embassy and are following their guidelines. Most explosions have occurred in southern cities. We have been asked to remain indoors."

Praveen Pinto from Kireem near Mangaluru, who has been working in Tel Aviv for the last 16 years, said there was firing on Saturday night and one of the missiles hit a building just 1 km away from his house and injured two Israeli citizens. His wife Neetha, who is back home, said she is in constant touch with her husband and he is safe as of now. "He told me that on Sunday afternoon, the Israeli government declared a red alert and there are over 500 people from Mangaluru, Udipi and Kundapur region in that country," said Neetha, who was

also working in Israel.

Prakash, another Mangalurean also living in Tel Aviv, has been stuck inside a bunker since Saturday. Back home, his family is worried. "Hamas militants were very close to our room and Israeli forces captured them. We were saved in the nick of time," said Godwin, a resident of Taccode. When contacted, Fr Francis Xavier said, "I am in the old city of Jerusalem now. My group, which was supposed to fly on Monday morning has been cancelled."

Asked about other Indian groups, he said, "I just met one Indian tourist group from Kerala near Jerusalem. They had to wait at Bethlehem border, which is between Israel and Palestine, from early morning till about 3 pm. A wait of about eight-nine hours for what should have taken ten minutes."



Lenard Fernandes from Vamanjoor near Mangaluru inside a bomb shelter at Herzilya in Israel on Sunday

HELPLINE FOR KANNADIGAS IN ISRAEL OPENED

Bengaluru: The Karnataka government on Sunday opened a helpline for relatives of those who are stuck in Israel reach out for assistance. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah also expressed concern over the volatile situation in Israel. "In cases of any citizens of India hailing from Karnataka in Israel requiring assistance, reach out to Karnataka State Emergency Operation Centre Helpline numbers: 08022340676, 08022253707," he posted. **ENS**

SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS

Worms found in foodgrains at tribal ashram school

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@ Madikeri

WEEVILS were found in the foodgrains supplied to a tribal ashram school in Kodagu. The contractor has been warned by officials after they visited the spot. In Diddalli Basavanahalli Ashram School under Chennayyanakote GP of Virajpet taluk, it was found that the food contained a pile of worms. The children's parents alleged that the contractors, who supply rice, wheat and other foodgrains from the Food Department through the Scheduled Castes Welfare Department are distributing poor quality grains

containing worms.

The incident came to light when the students, who were reluctant to go to school for a few days, were questioned by Chennayyanakote village panchayat member and tribal leader J K Appaji. He visited the school to check the quality of the foodgrains, and found a heap of weevils in the grain storage room.

"Piles of weevils can be found on the walls and when information is sought, it comes to light that the contractors are distributing foodgrains every four or six months. The in-charge teacher said that the department has been informed



Officials check the grains at the school; Grains infested with maggots | **EXPRESS**

about this," he said. Due to this, children are afraid to go to school. Immediately, the officials warned that they would have to take appropriate action against the contractors who



distribute substandard foodgrains. Honnagowda, the project coordination officer of Integrated Village Development Scheme, and Naveen, Taluk Social Welfare Depart-

ment officer, who came to the spot, instructed the contractors to distribute quality foodgrains.

Indira, a former member of Maldare GP and tribal leader, said an ashram school has been opened for the education of tribal children. "It is not a good practice to feed the children studying in school without providing quality food and feeding them food which is full of worms," she said. She demanded that appropriate action be taken against the contractor and the Health Department should visit the school once a month and inspect the food items.

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— Ramnath Goenka

SENSELESS HAMAS MASSACRE HARMS ITS CAUSE IN ISRAEL

THE sheer scale of the cross-border terror attack on Israel by Hamas from the Gaza Strip it controls was a jaw-dropper. The much vaunted Israeli intelligence wing Mossad's reputation was muddled as it failed to get even a whiff of the massive operation that would have taken months of planning. And so was the image of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a toughie on terror. That he heads a far-right coalition was even more ironic. His government had in recent weeks thrown the nation into turmoil and weakened its morale by trimming the powers of its higher judiciary, which even led to military desertions.

Grossly underestimating the motivation and ability of Hamas despite frequent buzz on a third intifada, the country was observing a relaxed Jewish holiday when the first wave of attacks began. The first and the second intifadas—Palestinian uprisings against occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip—happened in 1987 and 2000, respectively. Half an hour into Saturday's missile attacks, its gun-toting fighters broke through the highly fortified Gaza fence and motored into Israel on bikes and trucks. The second batch innovated by flying in via microlight aircraft while the third incursion was amphibious. All intruders shot at any moving object in sight, civilian or military, reviving memories of the 26/11 Pakistani terror assault on Mumbai in 2008. The indiscriminate Hamas massacre left heaps of bodies—over 600 at last count. Amid the bloodbath, another bunch of intruders commandeered Israeli vehicles, took dozens of hostages and sped back to Gaza to hold them as bargaining chips. Their dragging of bodies of soldiers along the streets and parading a naked Israeli woman's corpse told the tale of triumphalism and brutality. Netanyahu described it as war and promised unprecedented retribution. Around 400 have since been killed in the counterattacks on Gaza that has an estimated 2.3 million Palestinians.

Whether or not Israel can take out the Hamas leadership is unknown, but poor Gazans are now at the receiving end of the hellfire. Supported as Hamas is by Iran, the attack could possibly be Tehran's response to Mossad nosing around its nuclear plants. The carnage also happened amid Israeli-Saudi rapprochement and West Asia getting into some sort of detente, which sends its own message. Israel is no paragon of virtue but senseless mayhem cannot be condoned as fighting for rights. Hamas has clearly harmed its cause.

NEW MALARIA VACCINE TO BE A GAME CHANGER

NDIA has been making impressive strides in providing vaccines to the world. 'Made in India' jabs offered protection to people in 170 nations during the Covid pandemic and now the country has joined the big fight against malaria. The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently given a stamp of approval to the R21/Matrix-M™ malaria vaccine developed by the Serum Institute of India (SII) in collaboration with the University of Oxford. The second malaria vaccine to be ever developed, R21/Matrix-M™ will be administered to children under the age of five years in three primary doses and a booster shot after a year. According to reports, trials have already proven its safety and effectiveness as it reduced symptomatic malaria cases by 75 percent in areas where there is a high seasonal prevalence and by 68 percent in areas where the disease circulates year-round.

Malaria is indeed a giant killer. It has threatened the lives of billions of people across the globe, disproportionately affecting the most vulnerable sections. In 2021 alone, it claimed more than 6,19,000 lives the world over and most of them were children. Half of the world's population still lives in a malaria high-risk area, according to WHO. Although cases in India dropped 60 percent between 2018 and 2022, the number of cases being reported every year is still significant. The incidence of malaria is so prevalent that it has been declared a notifiable disease in 33 States and Union Territories in India. It is in this context that the recently developed vaccine becomes all the more significant.

According to WHO, it will enable GAVI (a global vaccine alliance) and UNICEF to buy the vaccine from manufacturers without much delay. The R21 vaccine is expected to be available by mid-2024. The Serum Institute of India is understood to have already established production capacity for 100 million doses per annum and it will be doubled over the next two years. The vaccine, if made available at an affordable rate, will play a crucial role in achieving the country's vision to be malaria-free by 2027 and to eliminate the disease by 2030. If the trajectory of malaria is analysed with precision, it is clear that it is not just a public health issue but also a social, economic, and political challenge. The new vaccine, if made available to the eligible population free of cost, has the potential to be a game changer in the country's fight against the killer disease.

QUICK TAKE

MAKE MORE OF OUR DIGITAL LIBRARIES

THE Lok Sabha committee on education recently proposed boosting the nation's digital libraries. Unbeknownst to most Indians, we already have a massive online archive—at ndl.gov.in—painstakingly uploaded from repositories around the country and linked up to American and British libraries. What started as piecemeal digitisation of state libraries has grown to be a massive bibliotèque. Here you would find archaic delights such as a baby care manual from the 1890s, as well as tax reports of the Indian cricket board. One problem has persisted: the pages scanned earlier as images are tedious to navigate. We need keyword mapping to make better use of this treasure.

I have always been intrigued by the Kashi Ganga Prasadini Sabha. There are stray references, but not much has been written about this initiative. This Sabha was formed in 1886 by concerned citizens to reduce contamination of Ganga in Kashi. Evidently, it undertook some projects, like drainage, completed in 1892. The point is *Sabka Prayas* and citizen initiatives. Old gazetteers describe the state of water bodies such as wells, tanks and stepwells. These seem to have been around and vibrant till the 19th century and the first decade of the 20th century. Conservation and maintenance was partly because of kings, but it was also partly due to communities. Something went wrong thereafter and there was abdication by citizens. One can perhaps ascribe it to the Morley-Minto reforms and the Government of India Act, 1919. It is for historians to explore a cause, explaining retreat by citizens and capture of commanding heights (of everything) by the State.

There is something known as an environmental Kuznets curve. Stated simply, as per capita income increases, environmental quality declines. As per capita income increases further, environmental quality starts to improve. This is a factual and empirical proposition. I hasten to add that even as an empirical proposition, for a single country over time, or cross-country, the empirical stuff is dodgy. Assuming it is true, which is a big if, there is the question of causation, even more dodgy. As economies grow and develop, perhaps citizens become more conscious about protecting the environment. Sounds plausible, even if the economic empirical backing is dodgy.

From studies, that cutoff seems to be somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000 of per capita income. Today, we are at something like \$2,200, but leading up to 2047, that per capita income is expected to increase quite a bit. Behavioural change is complicated stuff and there are those who specialise in nudge theory. The Swachh Bharat Mission is a good counter-example to a per capita income argument alone. Much of what has happened, especially in rural India, is because of citizen participation.

While taking a bath, many Indians recite a *shloka*: "O Ganga, Yamuna, Godavari, Saraswati, Narmada, Sindhu, Kaveri! Please be present in this water." Like other countries, once there was settled agriculture, cities and habitations developed along rivers. While other rivers are also important, Ganga and its tributaries cut across a large swathe of India, from Gangotri and other glaciers, down to Sundarbans or Gan-

Several initiatives in India have taken off due to collective action and a strong entrepreneurial spirit, especially in rural pockets. Ganga needs *Sabka Prayas* to flow well

ALL HANDS ON THE DECK FOR NAMAMI GANGE

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gasagar (the Ganga meets the Bay of Bengal in Sagar island).

Varanasi is believed to be the oldest inhabited city in the world. But there are other old cities along that stretch—Badrinath, Haridwar, New Delhi, Agra, Prayagraj, Kanpur, Jaunpur, Mathura, Mirzapur, Auraiya, Etawah, Farrukhabad, Fatehgarh, Kannauj, Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Bhagalpur, Patna, Gaya, Munger, Baranagar, Kolkata, Murshidabad, and many more. The Ganga basin, an area of 860,000 sq km, is spread across eleven states. Six hundred million people live in this basin, and 40 percent of India's gross domestic product is estimated to originate from here. These are staggering numbers and even without assessments from the Central Pollution Control Board, we know all is not well with the Ganga.

This brings me to Namami Gange. Launched in 2014, it is an expansion of earlier interventions such as the Ganga Action Plan. It has five pillars: (1) Nirmal Ganga (2) Aviral Ganga (3) Arth Ganga (4) Jan Ganga and (5) Gyan Ganga. The names more or less indicate what these pillars are about. I will skip numbers. Those are easily available on the website dashboard.

I think most people will agree that these pillars represent an increasing order of difficulty, except the fifth one. The first is the easiest. As the name suggests, *nirmal* means 'clean', and Nirmal Ganga is about reducing pollution in the Ganga and its tributaries. Dashboards have abundant information about sewage treatment, river-front development, *ghats*, crematoria and solid waste management across states (this is hybrid-

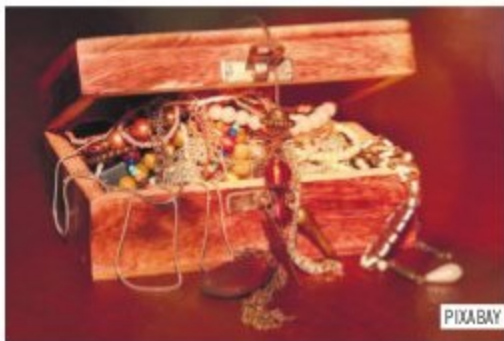
FINDING THE SPIRITUAL TREASURE WITHIN

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fused to be drawn into them, especially when it came to topics of religion. He considered his almost miraculous powers merely as a gift that was meant to help floundering humanity. So, he kept a low profile and never showed off. He usually kept his distance from the rich, but when he found that some of them were inclined to be genuinely philanthropic, he dropped his guard a little and suggested deserving recipients.



PIXASY

Nalin was shocked at the contents of the heavy chest: Burmese rubies, Sri Lankan sapphires, gold ingots and a long necklace of precious pearls collected from the seven seas

One day, when walking to a scholarly meeting, he stopped at a village for a short rest. A thin, shabby young man caught his eye. Sarvajna sensed that there was some mystery about him and beckoned him over. He was not mistaken in these matters.

"You seem like a person of birth and education, my boy May I see your horoscope?" asked Sarvajna pleasantly. "I was born to a good home, sir. But I have no skills and am destitute now," said the young man, who was called Nalin. He fetched his horoscope obediently from the temple nearby. Sarvajna found his candour refreshing, a change from the weepers and wailers, and cast a keen, deductive eye on his horoscope.

"But I don't understand!" he exclaimed. "Your father buried a great treasure on your grounds. Why are you poor?"

"I don't know where it is, sir," said Nalin.

"Let's find it," said Sarvajna, and he began to meditate. When he had withdrawn

deep into his mind, he was suddenly blessed with a revelation about the eighth verse from the tenth canto of the *Bhagavad Gita*: "I am the infinite treasure, worship me with love and discover my richness. The *Vedas* and all schools of thought and all forms of worship are my creation. Find me."

Sarvajna emerged from his trance. A greater riddle had been solved unexpectedly. "We live in confusing times and are unable to realise our soul connection with God," he thought soberly. "The south country is overly ritualistic. The north country is full of trickster yogis. The west is like a land of ghosts—it is emotionally barren, having discarded God. The east, which is the source of natural light, represents pure God-love, free of rituals, tricks and dry argument. It is the path of Sri Krishna. I see it clearly now."

He smiled affectionately at Nalin. "Let us collect some workers and go to your house," he said. "I will pay them, don't worry."

When the excited party reached Nalin's large old mansion, Sarvajna carefully surveyed the east side and selected a spot for the workers to dig. After an hour of steady digging, they heard the sound they were hoping to hear—the clunk of hitting a large, heavy chest. It was hauled up, dusted and taken into the house.

Nalin hacked at the lock with a hammer and almost fell down in shock when he opened the box. It was satisfyingly packed with gold ingots and also contained a heavy bag full of Burmese rubies, Sri Lankan sapphires and a long necklace of precious pearls collected from the seven seas.

Nalin fell at Sarvajna's feet and thanked him profusely.

"My blessings, Nalin. I know you will do well and prosper," said Sarvajna, pleased at the outcome of the hunch that had visited him when he saw Nalin. "Well, I must be off now I will be back, you know, to demand my fee—that you help other people in the world."

"Gladly Teacher," said Nalin with utmost respect. "I thought there was more to what you told me besides the location of my father's treasure. Please come again so that I may learn of those other treasures from you."

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It will be disappointing if our writers don't use their pen for the betterment of the common people

Ismat Chughtai

annuity driven, not exclusively government-driven). Across stretches particularly polluted and therefore monitored, river water quality and biodiversity indicators have improved (Gangetic dolphins seem to know this). *Aviral* means 'continuous', and the pillar is about ecology and managing the flow. Understandably, it is much more complicated, with longer time-frames. Hence, we have initiatives like afforestation and biodiversity conservation, much less tangible. *Arth* means 'wealth', so we are talking about livelihood opportunities for people along the banks—natural farming, monetisation of sludge and wastewater, markets along *ghats*, cultural heritage and tourism.

There has to be quite a bit of *Sabka Prayas* in this, which of course is Jan Ganga. As things stand, this pillar has primarily been about public participation in improving *ghats* and crematoria. Jan Ganga, in its broader sense, is a prerequisite for Arth Ganga to happen, but Arth Ganga requires a whole lot of other changes, including governance in urban local bodies. Something like the MV Ganga Vilas cruise will obviously sell, but that's a thin, though extremely visible, slice of Arth Ganga. Arth Ganga requires transformations that Namami Gange cannot bring about on its own.

Many years ago, I went to a village near Dhorlo in Kutch. It benefited from positive externalities associated with the 'Rann Utsav'. The tent city in the white desert lasts only for as long as the Rann Utsav (November to February) does. There are tourists who come outside the duration of the tent city (operated by the government). Rather remarkably, Thikariyado village near Dhorlo decided to set up a village resort with traditional huts and royal tents. These do quite well. As far as I could make out, the decision was taken by the *sarpanch* and the *panchayat*, and they operate these.

At that time, many years ago, there was a solar-powered State Bank of India ATM with fingerprint recognition and solar-powered streetlights. Despite positive externalities, in anticipating a possible demand, Thikariyado village exhibited a considerable degree of entrepreneurial talent. I am sceptical about that entrepreneurship existing throughout the country and the region traversed by Ganga and its tributaries. However, for Arth Ganga to flower, we need that entrepreneurship. This leaves Gyan Ganga. Since *gyan* means 'knowledge', this is about research. No doubt that research will be done. To the extent that Namami Gange has increased awareness, it should be applauded. Beyond the applause, we need to move on to *Sabka Prayas*.

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Pallava dynasty

Ref: *How the Pallavas took India to the world* (Oct 8). *Pallava Grantha* was derived from the Tamil-Brahmi script. The languages of Southeast Asian nations evolved from the scripts introduced by Indian monks and traders who travelled to these countries. It was also worth reading that the Cambodian prince, a descendant of the Pallava dynasty, came to Kanchi to rule. Nanditha Krishna coherently sequenced the historical events without assumptions and presumptions. **Jayachandran C, Chennai**

Sunday Magazine

It was wonderful to read *NIE's* Sunday Magazine. Dr Vaidhyasubramaniam, who wrote *NTA: National asset, international benchmark*, and Anuja Chandamohi, who wrote *Sweep, swab more for a Swachher India*, delivered their points neatly. With the government's efforts (or the lack of it) not helping the cause of a cleaner India, it is up to citizens and civil society members to educate the average Indian to practice 'Swachhata'. **RSriamprasad, email**

Lucid Xplainer

The Xplainer on the caste survey analyses the issue in a lucid and impartial manner. But in this polarised atmosphere, the positive idea to conduct a caste census to uplift the downtrodden has turned farcical and into a tool of hatred. We need a classless society. **Jitendranath Guru, Padampur**

Hamas attack

Ref: *Hamas attack kills 100 Israelis* (Oct 8). On October 6, 1973, a coalition of Arab nations launched surprise attacks on Israeli-occupied territories. Though nearly 20,000 people lost their lives, Israel emerged victorious. Perhaps the Hamas attack was an act of revenge. In any case, war should be stopped to reduce tensions between nations. **P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai**

Condemn violence

The dastardly Hamas attack deserves to be condemned. The mindless violence and unabated killings of Israelis point to a well-planned conspiracy. Other nations should support Israel. **Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru**

National security

Ref: *Bitting the bullet* (Oct 8). When a nation's security is threatened by nefarious elements operating in a foreign country that supports their activities, the victim is forced to turn to undercover operations should diplomacy fail. But such operations are always met with an eye-for-an-eye retribution, leading to the loss of many innocent lives. Remember 9/11? **Dr George Jacob, Kochi**



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GST exemption on overseas vessels undertaking cruises on India's route will encourage the outflow of foreign tourists at the coastal tourism destinations of India.



Supriya Sule @supriya_sule
The Pune Municipal Corporation has only enough TB medicines left for a few days. Patients undergoing treatment in the health centers are facing a lot of hardship.



Ashok Gehlot @ashokgehot51
The Central government, which is opposed to the deprived, is continuously avoiding the caste census due to which the concept of social justice is being blocked

On 91st anniversary, IAF gets new ensign

We have turned challenges into opportunities, says Air Chief, while laying stress on boosting indigenous capabilities

MAYANK SINGH @ Prayagraj

CHIEF of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari on Sunday unveiled a new ensign of the Indian Air Force, replacing the existing one that was adopted more than seven decades back. The IAF Chief released the new ensign at the 91st IAF Day celebrations in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj. In the new ensign, the IAF crest features in the top right corner.

Chief guest ACM Chaudhari while addressing the parade said, "We have not only circumvented challenges but also turned those challenges into opportunities. The current geopolitical landscape has provided us an opportunity to reduce dependency on imports by developing indigenous capability."

There were many firsts this year at the Air Force Day parade held at Air Force Station Bamrauli in Prayagraj.

The Air Force Parade was commanded, for the first time, by woman officer, Group Captain Shaliza Dhama. She already stands as the first woman officer of the IAF to command a combat unit. An all-women contingent comprising the newly inducted Agniveer Vayu women — also for the first time — was made part of the parade. A flight of Garuda commandos of the IAF, which completed 20 years of service recently, took part for the first time.

Among the aircraft on display and during flypast, the newly inducted C-295 transport aircraft made its maiden appearance. The 1960s' legacy



Air Force personnel during the parade at the 91st Air Force Day celebrations in Prayagraj on Sunday | PTI

fighter MiG-21 Bison expectedly made its last appearance in an air display. The aircraft is slated to be phased out by 2025.

The enthralling display by Sarang helicopter display team performed complex manoeuvres with five helicopters. It is the only five-helicopter display team in the world.

"Air Force operations extend worldwide, providing rapid mobility and global reach. This reach allows a nation to project air power beyond boundaries in the form of rapid deployment, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and peace-keeping missions," said the Air Chief in his address. The theme for this year's Air Force Day

was 'IAF — Air Power Beyond Boundaries.'

Various IAF Units were presented citations by the Air Chief for their exemplary work. The citations to four IAF units included 16 Squadron, 142 Helicopter Unit, 901 Signal Unit and 3 Base Repair Depot.

An air display was performed on the banks of the Triveni Sangam in Prayagraj. A total of 108 IAF aircraft took part in the air display. In addition, there were Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopters of the Indian Army, a P-8I aircraft of the India Navy and the Surya Kiran and Sarang display teams.

The IAF that took birth as the Royal Indian Air Force had

the ensign comprising the Union Jack in the upper left canton and the RIAF roundel (red, white and blue) on the fly side. The IAF in a statement said that post-independence, the IAF ensign was created by replacing the Union Jack with the Indian Tri colour and the Royal Air Force roundels with the IAF Tricolour roundel.

A new IAF ensign better reflects the values of the force. The IAF Crest has the national symbol, the Ashoka lion on the top with the words Satyamev Jayate in Devanagari below it. Below the Ashoka lion is a Himalayan eagle with its wings spread, denoting the fighting qualities of the IAF.

Rajnath to visit Italy, France to bolster strategic ties

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

AIMED at further strengthening defence ties, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will be on an official visit to Italy and France from October 9 to 12. The Ministry of Defence said during the first leg of his two-nation visit, Rajnath is scheduled to meet his Italian counterpart Guido Crosetto in Rome.

The relationship between India and Italy was elevated to a strategic partnership in March 2023 during the visit of the Italian Prime Minister to India.

During the second and final leg, Singh will conduct the fifth annual defence dialogue with his counterpart French Minister of Armed Forces Sebastien Lecornu in Paris, said MoD.

India and France recently celebrated 25 years of strategic partnership. Both enjoy a wide-ranging bilateral defence relationship, including significant industrial cooperation. Maritime Rafale and Scorpene submarine deals are being negotiated.

"In both Rome and Paris, the minister will also interact with the defence industry CEOs and discuss potential opportunities in industrial cooperation," the defence ministry said.

ASI to open outlets at 84 monuments to sell replicas of heritage sites

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Archeological Survey of India (ASI) will set up souvenir shops at 84 monuments from where it plans to sell replicas of highlighted features of heritage sites, architectural fragments, important sculptures, artifacts of antiquarian value and different products of the states selected under the Centre's 'One District One Product' scheme.

According to ASI — the national watchdog of 3,697 monuments — this will provide an opportunity for the cultural and creative industries to work closely with the monuments.

The ASI has been deliberating the policy to introduce high quality souvenir shops at monuments of national importance for the past two years. "The souvenir shops intend to provide a visitor experience that the people of India can engage with in order to connect with

their heritage. Souvenir varieties will range from replicas of highlighted features of heritage sites. Besides replicas, this souvenir shop can serve as a playground for creative ideas where craftspeople, artisans, corporate conglomerates, boutique manufacturers and start-ups can participate in manufacturing items that speak directly to India's culture," said the culture ministry.

The 84 monuments include Agra Fort, Taj Mahal, Ajanta and Ellora caves, Tipu Sultan Palace, Gwalior Fort, Red Fort, Jantar Mantar and Purana Quila.

Earlier, the souvenir shops mainly served as the sale counter of ASI publications. "The scope of the souvenirs will be defined by the ASI with academic support," said the ministry officials. The ASI has already invited Expression of Interest to appoint an agency to run memento outlets.

Many steps being taken for next census, but no dates yet

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

Put on hold

Ministry of Home Affairs' 2022-23 annual report did not mention any likely dates of the decennial exercise. The census enumeration scheduled to take place in 2021 has been postponed until further orders. It is for the first time in the 150-year history of census operations that it has been put on hold.

ment of census activities, the date of freezing of boundaries is now extended up to 30.6.2023," said the report. However, experts have pointed out that countries like the UK, China, and the US have held their census exercises post-Covid.

Elaborating on the new initiatives for the next census, the report said that ₹8754.23 crore has already been approved by the Centre. "The pre-census mapping activities include the preparation and updation of maps showing administrative

units of the states/UTs, districts, sub-districts, villages, towns and wards within towns to ensure proper coverage of the entire geographical area of the country. Further, efforts are being made for dissemination of census results through web-based interactive maps," said the report, adding that preparatory work in this direction has already been initiated.

To complete the census mapping activities quickly and efficiently, existing desktop GIS software has been upgraded to the latest versions, modules have been purchased and all mapping manpower trained using the latest software, it said.

"More than 6 lakh maps are being uploaded in the CMMS portal for census functionaries and the same will be further updated and finalised as per jurisdictional changes till 31.12.2022," it said.

The House Listing Block mobile mapping app for geo-referencing of all enumeration blocks is being introduced in the country, the report added.

Battle of Cow Belt

KHARGE, INC TOP BRASS MAY CONTEST FROM UP

There is an old political saying that the road to Delhi goes through Uttar Pradesh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recognised this age-old wisdom and contested from the holy city of Varanasi in UP. This helped the BJP sweep India's largest state and gain a comfortable majority in the Lok Sabha. It is now the

turn of opposition parties to focus on Uttar Pradesh. According to sources, the Congress is planning to field its big guns from UP in the next Lok Sabha elections. There is talk of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge being fielded from the state. Sources said Kharge may contest from the Nagina Lok Sabha constituency in western UP. Nagina seat is reserved for the Scheduled Castes. SCs and Muslims constitute

almost three-fourths of the total electorate with SCs accounting for around 21 per cent and Muslims around 50 per cent. The seat has been won mostly by Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party in the past. Congress insiders feel that the decline of the BSP and the possibility of an alliance between the SP and Congress makes Nagina a low-hanging fruit. Sources said Congress plans to deploy a large part of its resources in UP with the aim to repeat its 2009 performance when it won 21 Lok Sabha seats in the state. Looks like the battle for 2024 will be fought in Uttar Pradesh.



Caste Cauldron

BJP'S SOCIAL COALITION vs OPPN'S OBC CARD

Union home minister Amit Shah has called a meeting on Monday of party leaders from all states to discuss the government's newly launched scheme - PM Vishwakarma. According to sources, the BJP plans to aggressively woo the smaller castes among the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) by using the PM Vishwakarma scheme through which crores of blacksmiths, carpenters, masons, artisans, etc will be given loans, training and market support. The Vishwakarma scheme is seen as the BJP's answer to the opposition's shrill campaign for social justice for the OBCs. The opposition parties have been demanding a nationwide caste census to find out the real number of people belonging to the OBCs to help better targeting of welfare schemes. Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar has conducted a state-level caste survey and released the report earlier this month. The caste cauldron is on the boil. Social justice has emerged as a major issue in the runup to the Lok Sabha elections. Shah's meeting with state leaders is taking place against this backdrop. The BJP may organise meetings in every district of the country with groups of Vishwakarmas - the people who work with hands and tools. The PM Vishwakarma scheme will go hand in hand with the government's plan to release the Rohini Commission report on the sub-categorisation of the OBCs. The BJP's plan is clear: it seeks to create a new social coalition of OBC castes that have failed to benefit from the reservations provided for them. Rohini Commission has reportedly found that the benefits of reservation have been cornered by about a dozen dominant castes out of nearly 3,000 categorised as OBCs. The BJP has now trained its guns on these marginalised castes.

Coal-fired power plants slow in adopting technology to curb sulphur emission

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

WILL India again miss the target to control the emission of sulphur, a major greenhouse gas? It appears so, as the pace of installing the technology to remove sulphur from its source is too slow. Only 5 per cent thermal power plants have installed sulphur-removal technology, while over 50 per cent plants are yet to start feasibility study when the deadline is hardly a year away.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has extended three deadlines to coal-fired power plants to install the flue-gas desulfurisation (FGD) technology. FGD removes sulphur from exhaust flue gases of fossil fuels-fired power plants. Around half of India's power generation is based on fossil fuels.

According to latest data, only 23 out of total 600 units of coal-fired power plants have installed FGD technology in the past eight years. Around 50 per cent units are yet to start their

Missed targets

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has set deadlines for 596 out of total 600 thermal power plants that required flue-gas desulfurization (FGD) tech

Category	No. of units	Deadline
A) NCR and cities having more than million+ population	79 units (22,949 MW)	December 2024
B) Within 10 km radius of critically polluted areas or non-attainment cities	68 units (23,020 MW)	December 2025
C) Other than those included in categories A and B	449 units (16,356 MW)	December 2026

SOURCE: CENTRAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY

feasibility study and bidding. Indian thermal power plants account for 80 per cent of industrial emissions of toxic sulphur and nitrous oxide. After Russia, India is the second largest producer of sulphur gas, which harms the human respiratory system and makes breathing difficult, especially in children. The World Health Organisation has estimated that it causes 4.2 million deaths globally per year.

The environment ministry issued its first notification to coal-fired plants for installa-

tion of FGD technology in 2015. After expiry of the deadline, other notifications were issued in 2017 and 2021. Recently, the government categorised different timelines for different categories of coal-fired power plants with targets varying between December 2024 and December 2026.

"The FGD technology was delayed due to various techno-economic constraints faced by thermal power plants, including Covid impact," Union environment minister Bhupendra Yadav had told the Parliament.

Policy on use of urban waste for road construction soon

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

BUOYED by its successful pilot programme — usage of segregated solid waste retrieved from sanitary landfill sites for construction of highways — the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) is set to introduce a national policy to hand over urban trash to the road construction agencies in a systematic manner and engineered disposal of garbage.

Besides minimising environmental pollution and protecting public health, the move aims to reclaim 10 hectares of land, which has been rendered useless, across states.

Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari informed that modalities had already been identified following consultation with the stakeholders, other ministries and municipal agencies in states.

"The policy is almost finalised. After segregation — removal of plastic, glass and metals — we will use waste for road construction. At some places, we can't extract soil because of environmental issues and at

WASTE RECYCLING

- Urban India produces about 42 million tonnes of municipal solid waste annually
- This means 1.15 lakh metric tonnes per day

83,378 TPD is generated in 423 Class I cities

- Waste generated in 423 Class I cities works out to 72.5 per cent of the total waste generated each day
- Municipal solid waste comprises 30-55 per cent of biodegradable organic matter, 40-55 per cent inert matter and 5-15 per cent recyclables
- Recyclable materials such as paper, cardboards, plastics, polythene bags, pieces of metals and glass are recycled to recover useful resources

SOURCE: MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS & MORTH

30 LT of solid waste was used to develop part of Delhi-Mumbai Expressway and UER II

30 LT of municipal waste has been used to built expressway in Ahmedabad



some locations, we have problems with aggregates (gravel, crushed stone and sand), where we undertake soil stabilisation. Usage of garbage waste will have multiple benefits. Garbage at 10 hectares of land is damaging the environment," said Gadkari, while briefing about the initiative recently.

On an experimental basis, the ministry had used inert mate-

rial from municipal solid waste in road construction under the Dholera project in Ahmedabad, first stretch of Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, and Urban Extension Road II that connects NH 44 and Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway on NH 48 in Delhi.

Gadkari said the policy deals with basic issues such as whether the municipal corporations or councils are to be

given incentives for providing solid waste and investment in segregation plants.

"Segregation is extremely important. Plastic, glass and metals are retrieved from the waste. Organic waste is also recovered. From plastic, we will get crude petrol and recycle glass. Segregation unit can be set up at a cost of ₹40 lakh. We tried to use municipal waste in construction of Delhi-Meerut Expressway. Meetings with stakeholders were convened in the ministry. Unfortunately, it didn't happen. The idea is to bury the entire municipal waste available in the country under roads," said Gadkari.

The ministry is also considering a policy to use recycled waste water and mixing of plastic and old tyres in bitumen for road construction.

The ministry is hopeful that following the policy, demand and consumption of solid waste will increase like it happened in the case of fly ash usage. Initially, when it was proposed to utilise coal ash, there were a few takers. However, the situation has changed and now fly ash is not easily available.

Nightmare before dream encounter in Vrindavan

Spiritual trip of devotees, particularly those coming from faraway, often ends up in trauma, all credit to parking lot owners on prowl



Multi-level car parking facility built by Mathura-Vrindavan Municipal Corporation. Anyone who has a small plot, say of 1,000 sq ft, has turned it into a parking facility



Crowd in the courtyard of Banke Bihari temple. Local residents have stopped visiting the temple owing to traffic snarls & related harassment | EXPRESS

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Vrindavan

Spiritually electrifying — even this phrase doesn't do justice to the experience one has standing in front of Banke Bihari, the Krishna, and presiding deity of the famous Vrindavan temple. Provided one is allowed that moment of stillness and peace in the 1,200 square feet courtyard packed with thousands any time in front of the idol.

"You are lucky if you have that eye contact," says Rajendra Sharma, selling sweets in the 14-yard lane leading to the temple. But no amount of luck can help you escape the wrath of the notorious traffic and "parking mafia" of this temple town. They have flourished because of the sudden surge in the number of devotees, especially post Covid-19 pandemic. The influx now is almost 10 times more than the hosting capacity of Mathura-Vrindavan twin towns. Often the spiritual trip of devotees coming from far away ends up in trauma, all credit to the parking lot owners on the prowl.

These private parking lots have emerged as the biggest centres of harassment for devotees coming on a spiritual pursuit to the town, says Naveen Kumar, a Mathura resident. While the upper limit of the holding capacity of the two towns is 20,000, it has to host 1 lakh visitors on a normal day and the number jumps to 2-2.5 lakh on weekends and even 5-6 lakh on big days like Krishna Janmashtami.

The number swells unrealistically even on extended weekends like Sept 31-Oct 2 this year when the lanes of Vrindavan remained choc-a-bloc for three



Parking space is scarce for thousands of devotees coming to temple town everyday

days, says Sharma. On weekends, more than 20,000 vehicles enter Mathura-Vrindavan city. Vehicles coming from Yamuna Expressway on Chhatikara to Vrindavan route, and also Mathura-Vrindavan route are all affected, says Vineet Singh, a local resident.

The local municipal corporation runs just three parking lots. Besides, it has given licence to 36 local residents to run private parking lots. The total capacity of these lots is not more than 4,500. Therefore, unauthorised parking spaces have mushroomed across the city and on the road leading to the city from Agra and Delhi, says Sankesh Srivastava, a lawyer, who lives in Old City area.

On the forefront of these illegal parking lots are musclemen and goons. While the local police use barricading and have issued vehicle passes to the local residents to regulate vehicles coming from outside, these private parking lot owners put their own barricades to catch unsuspecting outsiders on the wrong foot and force them to use their parking lots, Srivastava says.

The local residents of Mathura and Vrindavan have literally stopped visiting the temples owing to the traffic snarls and related harassment. "Not only do we face the traffic woes in any emergency situation but also feel left out when we fail to visit Bihariji and have smooth darshan of our own deity," says Balbir Saini.

This often leads to scuffles. Recently, a video went viral in which attendants of a private parking lot were seen assaulting a vehicle owner. "This was not an isolated case. However, these parking lots have surfaced as a kind of necessary evil. Local civic and police officials choose to ignore them as without these, thousands of vehicles coming to the town would lead to unimaginable chaos," says Srivastava who has many tales of harassment of visitors by private parking lot owners to narrate.

It has emerged as a lucrative business. Anyone who has even a small plot of say 1000 square feet has turned it into a parking facility, not only in Mathura and Vrindavan, but also on the climb to Radha Rani temple in

Barsana. Some of these lots are so small that they can't hold more than 10 cars.

Municipal Commissioner Shashank Chaudhury expressed his inability to speak on the issues related to perpetual traffic congestion in Vrindavan and the excesses of the private parking lot owners, saying that he had joined just four days back.

However, other officials say that the civic body does crack down on these illegal lots. Besides, it is planning to construct seven more parking facilities.

Besides traffic management, the state government has proposed to construct a corridor to regulate crowds at the Banke Bihari temple, which is the strongest magnet. However, the proposal is under litigation as the 'sevadars' of the temple have moved court against the proposal to use the offerings for the construction of the corridor. The two towns have more than 20 prominent temples, which attract devotees from across the globe. As per the official data of UP's tourism department, Mathura-Vrindavan hosted nearly 6 crore tourists in 2022-23, second only to Varanasi.

"Earlier, Goa used to host the maximum number of tourists in the country. However, last year, the coastal state welcomed 80 lakh tourists. In comparison, Kashi alone recorded a footfall of 7 crore devotees. Similarly, 6 crore devotees reached the Braj region last year, showing the rise in inclination towards religious tourism," Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said recently in Mathura while reviewing arrangements for crowd control at Banke Bihari temple.

TEMPLE TOWN IN MIDST OF CHAOS

- Total capacity: 4,500 vehicles, giving rise to unauthorised parking
- Overflow of visitors: Holding capacity of Mathura-Vrindavan is 20K, but 1L visit the city everyday
- Courtyard space available for devotees: 1,200 sq ft

CENTRES OF HARASSMENT

- Devotees have complained that private parking lots have become centres of harassment
- On weekends, over 20,000 vehicles enter Mathura-Vrindavan
- Heaviest traffic: Two stretches, including Yamuna Expressway on Chhatikara to Vrindavan; Mathura-Vrindavan

POOR CIVIC PLANNING ROOT CAUSE

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POLICE ISSUE PASSES TO RESIDENTS TO REGULATE VEHICLES. PRIVATE PARKING LOT OWNERS LURE UNSUSPECTING OUTSIDERS AND FORCE THEM TO USE THEIR PARKING LOTS

C'garh launches free bus pass for college students

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE Congress government in the poll-bound Chhattisgarh has launched a scheme called 'Chhattisgarh Yuva Mitam Parivahan Yojana' that will give students free transportation from home to college or university and back.

The scheme is likely to benefit over a lakh of regular students in remote places who have enrolled in government colleges and universities, according to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

It is estimated that the annual cost to execute the scheme will be ₹110 crore. Of this, half the amount will be borne by the state government and the remaining by bus operators.

The youths are apparently recognised as a rising force by the Congress government. It expects them to play a decisive role in the electoral process.

According to one estimate, over 25 per cent of the state's population are youth in the age group of 18-25 years.



To avail of the benefits of the free transportation scheme, the student will have to apply for a bus pass with the college, mentioning the route in the official portal. The college will approve the application of students after verifying the details.

Once this process is completed, a student can log in and download the bus pass with a QR code. The free bus pass needs to be produced to the bus

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"The new plan will help students financially and save their time. Those staying in far-flung areas will feel convenient to pursue their higher education," said Dhani Ram, a resident of Kharora, 30 km from Raipur.

Last month, Congress government had invited its leader Rahul Gandhi to engage in a dialogue process with the youth in the 'Rajiv Yuva Mitam

Sammelan' that was held at Nava Raipur.

The event discussed the potential of youth and their positive role in politics.

Also, the state government claims to have tried to fill the vacancies of the teachers. "Over 30,000 have been recruited to overcome the shortage of teaching staff in government schools; 1,252 assistant professors, 40 librarians, and 39 sports officers have also been appointed in colleges," Baghel said.

The Congress government has initiated Yuva Mitam clubs in September 2021, to secure their role as youth power from gram panchayat to the municipal bodies. Each club has 20-40 youths and so far the state has 13,242 such clubs that engage in products and constructive roles.

They get an annual grant of ₹1 lakh from the government. The Baghel government has begun giving monthly allowance to jobless youths who get ₹2,500 every month.

Ahead of polls, Rajasthan announces caste census

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

JUST two months before the state election, the Gehlot government has announced its decision to conduct caste census in Rajasthan, following in the footsteps of Bihar.

The Rajasthan government issued orders for the caste census on Saturday night. Although it is unlikely that the caste census will be completed before the upcoming electoral battles, this move carries symbolic importance and appears to have been designed for greater resonance on the issue of caste census in the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said, "Rahul Gandhi, while discussing the caste census during the Raipur session, advocated a principle where 'one's share is determined by their numbers.'" Gehlot added that the state gov-

ernment is thoroughly examining all aspects of this initiative, and the caste census will be conducted accordingly."

He emphasised the constitutional nature of the caste census and expressed the government's commitment to ensure it does not face legal challenges in the Supreme Court. He said that the state government will explore various methods, including the Bihar pattern, to facilitate the process. Gehlot noted that the government would issue orders for the caste census soon, pointing out that the code of conduct for elections in Rajasthan is yet to be announced.

In accordance with this decision, the Social Justice and Empowerment Department has issued orders, clarifying that the survey will collect data on the social, economic, and educational status of all citizens.

CRPF personnel among two injured in blast outside Manipur minister's house

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Guwahati

TWO persons, including a CRPF personnel, were injured in a grenade explosion near the residence of Manipur's minister of rural development, Yumnam Khemchand, at Yumnam Leikai locality in Imphal West district, police said on Sunday.

While the minister and his family members escaped unscathed, the CRPF personnel guarding the house was injured. The jawan, who hails from West Bengal, sustained injuries on his hand.

Two persons, who were on a motorcycle, hurled the grenade, which fell a few metres away from the main gate of the minister's residence, they added.

No arrest has been made so far and the police are investigating the case. Security was heightened in the area after the incident. Nobody claimed responsibility for the blast.

Khemchand, a BJP stalwart, told this newspaper on Sunday that he was at home along with family members when the gre-



nade went off.

Chief Minister N Biren Singh condemned the incident and visited the minister's residence soon after the blast to take stock of the situation.

"The chief minister expressed concern over the incident. He asked me who might have done this. I said I don't know as I don't have any enmity with anyone," the rural development minister said.

Khemchand is a two-time legislator. During the first term (2017-22), he served as the speaker of the Assembly. Dur-

ing ethnic violence in the state, the houses of several lawmakers were torched by irate mobs. Over 170 people lost their lives in the ethnic clashes in the state.

Earlier, a mob had tried to attack Chief Minister Biren Singh's empty ancestral house on the outskirts of the state capital Imphal as well. The incident happened despite a security clampdown in the valley. However, security forces had successfully pushed back the mob after firing in the air.

The Manipur Police had taken to micro-blogging site X that reports of the Chief Minister's personal house "being mobbed are false and misleading".

The Singh lives in a separate, well-guarded official home in the centre of Imphal. Several rounds of tear gas shells were fired by the Rapid Action Force and state police personnel to disperse the mob. The authorities had switched off the electricity connection in the entire area to reduce visibility and make it hard for the protesters to proceed.

Surkhab birds arrive at U'khand for winter stay

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE first batch of about 50 members of the Ruddy Shelduck, popularly known as 'Surkhab' birds, arrived on Friday for a six-month winter stay. As part of the tradition, the Chakrata forest department has beefed up the security around Asan Barrage.

Forest department sources said, "Since 2015, a total of 47,463 migratory foreign birds have enjoyed hospitality in Uttarakhand, courtesy of the forest department."

"During winters, 70 to 80 species of birds migrate from the high Himalayan region and cold regions of Europe to the Asan Barrage wetlands for a six-month stay," Pradeep Saxena, a forester and bird expert of Chakrata forest division said. Of these, a group of 50 birds from Rudy Shelduck (Surkhab) have arrived on Friday.

"Out of these 80 species of birds, the bar-headed goose is the only rare quality bird that has mastered flying at altitudes of 5,000-6,000 metres above sea level and even up to 7,290 metres," said Saxena.

He further added, "Upon re-



Every winter Surkhab birds become the first guest of Uttarakhand | EXPRESS

turning from a six-month stay, these birds have the quality of transmitting the message through a wonderful God-given sound, so that they gather their group and fly everyone together. If any bird in their group is missed, they cancel their flight that day."

Saxena, who has been studying the behaviour of birds for the past 19 years, believes that nature has given these birds a unique ability. "Without any

GPS or map, the birds reach the place in two months, covering a distance of more than 5,000 kilometres. Their conservation should be our top priority," he said.

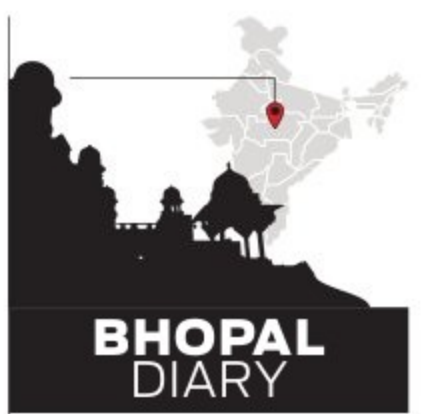
Asan wetland in Garhwal region, Bhimgoda Barrage in Haridwar, and Veerbhadra Barrage in Rishikesh are frequented by foreign birds. Surkhab is the first guest of Uttarakhand. It attracts tourists the most due to its golden feathers.

Seasonal visitors

Asan wetland in Garhwal region, Bhimgoda Barrage in Haridwar, and Veerbhadra Barrage in Rishikesh are frequented by foreign birds. Grassy shrubs, Yamuna, lush green hilly areas and mud islands create a favourable environment for birds. Purple swamphens, white-bellied herons, median egrets, yellow bitterns, black bitterns, painted storks, Asian openbills, black storks, mallards, northern pintails, spot-billed ducks, tufted pochards, Eurasian wigeons, common moorhens, coots, black-winged kingfishers are the major species of birds that migrate regularly.

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CM meets woman who gave him ₹2 to fight polls

Thirty three years after he won his first assembly election from Budhni in home district Sehore, BJP's longest serving CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Sunday met the woman who gave ₹2 as a lucky charm to contest his first assembly poll. While laying foundation of development works in Jahajpur area, the CM touched Jamuna Bai's feet and hugged her, while recounting his meeting with her in 1990. The incident happened amid suspense on whether Chouhan will be fielded in the assembly polls from his Budhni seat or somewhere else.



₹51K to booth in-charges if Cong draws blank

Having won last six assembly polls, BJP national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya has announced that in-charges of polling booths of Indore-1 seat where Congress draws blank will get ₹51,000 as reward. His announcement assumes significance as he is making a return to assembly polls as a candidate after ten years. The current Congress MLA from the Indore-1 seat Sanjay Shukla, hails from an old BJP family. Vijayvargiya, who won from three different seats of Indore, faces perhaps the toughest poll battle of his career, if the first-time sitting Congress MLA Sanjay Shukla is fielded from Indore-1 seat.

Janhit Party's 1st list of candidates in a week

Janhit Party, a political outfit launched recently by former RSS pracharak is planning to release its first list of candidates in a week. It is likely to include 25 candidates. With the newly formed party not having much connection in Indore-1 assembly segment (from where the BJP has fielded its national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya), the new party's prime patron and ex-RSS pracharak Abhay Jain might himself contest the polls. "Though we're averse to targeting individual politicians, still if the party wants me to contest from Indore-1, I'll not disappoint," Jain said. ANIT alumnus, Jain was an RSS pracharak between 1986 and 2007.



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No : SEE/Tr(W&M)/SMG/EE(O)/AEE/C/ 2023-24/4139-144 Dated: 05.10.2023

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KPTCL invites tenders through e-Procurement mode from the Registered KPWD contractors having EPF registration and fulfilling the other requirements as in NIT in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Shivamogga.

1. Providing Boundary Demarcation RCC Pillars along the 110kV Line corridor in the Forest land in respect to Work of Laying 110kV SC line on DC Towers from the existing 110/11kV Thogarsi Sub-Station to the proposed 1x10 MVA, 110/11kV Sub-Station at Kuppagadde in Soraba Taluk, Shivamogga District.

For detailed information and to participate in the tender through e-procurement mode please visit our website <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> in hyperlink "e-procurement" or directly you can access the tendering website www.kppw.karnataka.gov.in on or after 11.00 AM on Dt: 09.10.2023 Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Electri., Tr (W&M) Circle, KPTCL.,
Prasara Bhavana, M.R.S Colony Shivamogga - 577203.
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POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of City Union Bank Ltd., having its Administrative Office at No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001 and one of the Branch Offices at Plot No.3A1, 2nd Phase, Jigani, Industrial Area, Taluk Jigani, Karnataka - Bengaluru-Jigani Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 29-03-2023 calling upon the borrowers No.1) Mrs. T. Sindhuja, W/o. T. Hari Prasad, No.50, Raghavendra Nilayam, Behind SBI Bank, Umesh Layout, Ittina Nagar, Jigani Bangalore, Bangalore Urban - 560105.No.2) Mr. T. Hari Prasad, S/o. T. Subramanyam, No.50, Raghavendra Nilayam, Behind SBI Bank, Umesh Layout, Ittina Nagar, Jigani Bangalore, Bangalore Urban - 560105 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Rs.29,00,727/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Seven Hundred and Twenty Seven only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 27-03-2023 with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 05th day of October 2023.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs.31,00,955/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Nine Hundred and Fifty Five only) and interest thereon from 05-10-2023 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Mrs. T. Sindhuja, W/o. T. Hari Prasad)
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.14, Property No.50814, Old Janjur No.549, Khatha Serial No.1400, Municipal Khatha No.1490/50814, entered in form Nos.9 & 11, Situated at Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Duty Converted for Non-agricultural Residential purpose, in Survey No.13, measuring an extent of 3.15 Guntas, vide conversion Order No. ALN/SR(A)/1901/988-89, Dated 07-08-1989, Conversion Certificate has also been issued by the Tashidar, Anekal Taluk, Now under the limits of Jigani Panchayat, Measuring; East to West: 40 feet, North to South: 30 feet. Totally measuring 1,200 sq. feet, and Bounded as: East by: 20 feet Road, West by: Site No.31, North by: Site No.13, South by: Site No.15, in the midst the above said land with 3 squares RCC Roofing House thereon.

Place : Bangalore, Date : 05-10-2023 **Authorised Officer**
Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287,
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The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 05th day of October 2023.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs.17,78,979/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Nine only) and interest thereon from 05-10-2023 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mrs. Shameen Taj, W/o. Ayub Khan)
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Municipal Khata No.226/433/452 Measuring : East to West (40 Feet) and North to South (60 Feet) Situated at Kothipura Amankere Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara District. Total extent of Plot 2,400 sq.ft. with Residential Building Constructed therein. Bounded on: East by: House of Sharif Saheb, West by: House of Khaleemulla, North by: Private Property, South by: Road.

Place : Ramanagara, Date : 05-10-2023 **Authorised Officer**
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The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 04th day of October 2023.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs.22,86,367/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Seven only) and interest thereon from 25-09-2023 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Mr. N.V. Sivaprasad, S/o. Rathniah.N.V.)
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.12, Khata No.1399, formed out of Sy.No.1123, Situated at Ramamurthy Nagar, K.R.Puram, Hobli, Bangalore, Bangalore East Taluk, Measuring : East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1,200 sq.ft, and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Site No.10, North by : Site No.13, South by : Site No.5. With Residential Building Putted thereon.

Place : Bangalore, Date : 04-10-2023 **Authorised Officer**
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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of City Union Bank Ltd., having its Administrative Office at No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001 and one of the Branch Offices at No.324, 3rd A Cross, First Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru-Yelahanka Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 27-07-2023 calling upon the borrowers No.1) M/s. D S Cargo, No.4/1, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, H Siddaiha Road, Sudhama Nagar, Bangalore - 560027. No.2) Mr. R. Rajendra, S/o. Ramapillai, No.31, 1st B Main Road, Lalbagh Road, Sudhama Nagar, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027. No.3) Mrs. Bhuvana, W/o. R. Rajendra, No. 31, 1st B Main Road, Lalbagh Road, Sudhama Nagar, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Rs.1,59,21,981/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Nine Lakh Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty One only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 19-07-2023 with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 05th day of October 2023.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs.1,63,62,283/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Three Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Three Rupees) and interest thereon from 05-10-2023 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. R. Rajendra, S/o. Ramapillai & Mrs. Bhuvana, W/o. R. Rajendra)
All that piece and parcel of the Residential House Property bearing New Municipal No. 31, PID No. 48-19-31, Old No. 53, Situated at 1st B Main, Doddabai Khane, Sudhama Nagar, Bangalore built up on site measuring : East to West 19 feet and North to South 56 feet. Totally measuring 1,064 sq. ft. now within the limits of B.M.P Ward No.48 along with building and bounded on: East by: Property No. 54, West by: K. P Banashethiah at Honniah's Property, North by: Road, South by: Property No. 68. Registered as Document No. 3039 at SRO Basavanagudi (Chamrajpet).

Place : Bangalore, Date : 05-10-2023 **Authorised Officer**
Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287,
Telephone No. 0435-2402322, Fax : 0435-2431746, Website : www.cityunionbank.com



CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar,
Kumbakonam - 612 001. E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, Fax : 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of City Union Bank Ltd., having its Administrative Office at No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001 and one of the Branch Offices at Plot No.3A1, 2nd Phase, Jigani, Industrial Area, Taluk Jigani, Karnataka - Bengaluru-Jigani Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 29-03-2023 calling upon the borrowers No.1) Mrs. T. Sindhuja, W/o. T. Hari Prasad, No.50, Raghavendra Nilayam, Behind SBI Bank, Umesh Layout, Ittina Nagar, Jigani Bangalore, Bangalore Urban - 560105.No.2) Mr. T. Hari Prasad, S/o. T. Subramanyam, No.50, Raghavendra Nilayam, Behind SBI Bank, Umesh Layout, Ittina Nagar, Jigani Bangalore, Bangalore Urban - 560105 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Rs.29,00,727/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Seven Hundred and Twenty Seven only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 27-03-2023 with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 05th day of October 2023.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs.31,00,955/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Nine Hundred and Fifty Five only) and interest thereon from 05-10-2023 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Mrs. Nagamani Perar, D/o. P. Monappa Nath)
All the Piece and Parcel of the Residential Apartment Bearing No. B-204, 2nd Floor, Block - B, 2 BHK, Measuring a Super Built-up Area of 1,092.44 Sq.Feet in the name and style of R F Twiling and one covered Car Parking in basement along with other amenities. And Undivided share measuring 318.01 Sq.Ft out of the 16,300 Sq.Ft. Situated at Corporation Khatha No.426/715/B/540/231/2, No.826/715/A/540/131/1 & No.32/715/540/31 amalgamated by BMMP Khata No.715/540/31/131/2 Situated at Kote (Fort) Kengeri, Kengeri Sub - Division, Bengaluru - 560006. Boundaries : East by : Set Back Area, West by : Staircase and Lift, North by : Flat No. B-203, South by : Set Back Area.

Place : Kengeri, Date : 05-10-2023 **Authorised Officer**
Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287,
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Ph : 0435-2432322, Fax : 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of City Union Bank Ltd., having its Administrative Office at No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001 and one of the Branch Offices at 6th Cross, Thammie Gowda (TG) Layout, Opp. Hoskote Mission Hospital & Channakeshava Petrol Bunk, Hoskote, Karnataka-Hoskote Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 15-07-2023 calling upon the borrowers No.1) Ms. Nagamani Perar, D/o. P. Monappa Nath, No.87/61, Maruthi Krupa, 1st Floor, East End, B Main, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560069. Also at, Ms. Nagamani Perar, D/o. P. Monappa Nath, No.2-63/1, Sunflower House, Nitte, Near Santhosh Chashaw Factory, Nitte Udipi, Karnataka - 574110. No.2) Ms. Pushpavathi .P. D/o. Koragappa Purusha, No.2-37, Sunflower House, Borgal Gudde, Attur Nitte, Karnataka, Udipi - 576101 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Rs.59,81,298/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Eight only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 13-07-2023 with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 05th day of October 2023.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs.61,48,792/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Two only) and interest thereon from 27-09-2023 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Mrs. Nagamani Perar, D/o. P. Monappa Nath)
All the Piece and Parcel of the Residential Apartment Bearing No. B-204, 2nd Floor, Block - B, 2 BHK, Measuring a Super Built-up Area of 1,092.44 Sq.Feet in the name and style of R F Twiling and one covered Car Parking in basement along with other amenities. And Undivided share measuring 318.01 Sq.Ft out of the 16,300 Sq.Ft. Situated at Corporation Khatha No.426/715/B/540/231/2, No.826/715/A/540/131/1 & No.32/715/540/31 amalgamated by BMMP Khata No.715/540/31/131/2 Situated at Kote (Fort) Kengeri, Kengeri Sub - Division, Bengaluru - 560006. Boundaries : East by : Set Back Area, West by : Staircase and Lift, North by : Flat No. B-203, South by : Set Back Area.

Place : Kengeri, Date : 05-10-2023 **Authorised Officer**
Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287,
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Bank of Baroda

Ashok Nagar Branch:
No. 22, 10th Avenue, Ashok Nagar,
Chennai - 600 083, India

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

(For Immovable property/ies)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank Of Baroda under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand notice dated 18-05-2022 calling upon the Borrower Mrs. Asma Shek (Borrower) D/o Dilowar Shek , No. 202203, 4th Street, Muniyappa Nagar, Nerkundram, Ambattur, Tiruvallur, Chennai 600107, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 10,44,923/- in words (Ten lakhs fourty four thousand nine hundred and twenty three only) interest applied up to 20-06-2022 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus cost, charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 07.10.2023

The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount of Rs. 11,39,442.08/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand and Only) as on 31-03-2023 and further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property of the land bearing Sy.Nos.39/1,39/2,40/3& 42/1 situated at M.Medahalhi village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore District, which is converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No.ALN(A)/SR/17,18,19 and 20/2008 dated 04-08-2008, order passed by the Special Duty Commissioner, Bangalore District and the building plan sanctioned by BMRD vide no CC/22/2008-10 dated 02-03-2010 and development plan sanctioned by BMRD vide sanction letter No.CC/22/2008-09 dated 23-12-2009. Bounded on: East by: Land in survey No.43, West by: Road, North by: Mayasandra Gadi, South by: Lands in survey no.41. **SCHEDULE B PROPERTY:** Undivided share right, title and interest in the composite schedule-A property measuring to 195 Sq.Feet. **SCHEDULE C PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of residential flat bearing Flat no A-305 in third floor in the apartment known as "Janaadhar Shubha", Old Khata No.551, V P Katha No.305/T-8-A-305 & E Swathi No. 1502001017006007040 constructed in schedule A property situated at M.Medahalhi Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist, measuring 400 Sqft super built up area containing 1BHK together with RCC roofing, Vitrified, flooring along with one covered car parking spaces vide car parking no 16 in Tower No.8 including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc in the multistoried residential building constructed over schedule A property standing in the name of Mrs Ashtima Shek, East by-B-306, West by/Open space and A304, North by: Tower No.9, South by: Corridor and open space.

Date : 07/10/2023, Place : Bangalore Sd/- (Chief Manager & Authorized Officer), Bank of Baroda



Can Fin Homes Ltd

Hesaraghatta Road Branch
No. 765, 1st Floor, 60 Feet Road, MEI Layout,
Bagalagunte, Hesaraghatta Road, Bangalore-560073
Mob: 7625079153, Ph: 080- 28390315
E-mail id: hesaraghatta@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 9(1)]
Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd, Hesaraghatta Road Branch, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 27.10.2023 for recovery of **Rs.25,79,681/-** (Rupees Twenty Five lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty One Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. From **Mr.Suresh M And Mrs. Nandini N** (Borrowers), **Ms/Mrs. Swetha S R** (Guarantor) as on 25.07.2018 together with further interest and other charges thereon.
The reserve price will be **Rs.17,25,000/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.1,72,500/-** (Rupees One lakh seventy Two thousand Five Hundred Only).

Description of the Immovable Property
All that piece and parcel of an immovable residential property bearing Flat No F-5, 1st Floor, NeerajApartments, SRS Layout, Admeasuring 765 Sqft Super Built up area, with 1/28th (184.50 Sft) of Undivided Share of Land In Site Nos. 16,17,18,19,20 And 21, 11B Property No 150200203400120669, Khatha No.308, Formed In Converted Sy.No.9/2, Situated at Gulladahalli@ Kereguddadahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bangalore Bounded on: East:Item No 1: 25-0 foot road, 25.0 item no 2:25-0 foot road,Item No 3:25-0 foot road, Item no 4:Site No 18, Item No 5:Site No 17 & Item No 6:Site No 16, West: Item No 1:Site No 21, Item No 2:Site No 20, Item No 3: Site No 19, Item No 4:25-0 Feet Road, Item No 5:25-0 Feet Road, Item No 6: 25 Feet Road, South: Item No 1:Road, Item No 2: Site No 16, Item No 3:Site No 17, Item No 4:Site No 20, Item No 5:Site No 21 & Item No 6:Road, North: Item No 1:Site No 17, Item No 2:Site No 18, Item No 3:Private property, Item No 4: Private Property, Item No 5:Site No 19, Item No 6: Site No 20.

Encumbrances : Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd. (www.canfinhomes.com) Please refer to the following Link <https://www.canfinhomes.com/Search/Auction.aspx>

Sd/-
Date: 06.10.2023
Place : Bengaluru

Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.



INDULGE

Every Friday with

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

PUBLIC NOTICE

M/s. MCI Bangalore Finance
(Reg.No.861/2001-02),
No.25/6, AG-6, Brigade Majestic, 1st Main Road, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore-560 009.
We hereby intimate and confirm, Sri. S.V. Halaswamy, S/o Late, Sri. Patel Veerappa, R/o No.3, (1858) 5th Main, Sankashahara Ganapathi Temple, Hampinagara, Bangalore 560040 a partner hereto has resigned voluntarily from the above mentioned partnership firm w.e.f. 30.09.2020. His resignation has been accepted. Public dealing with Shri. S.V. Halaswamy as a partner of the firm would be so doing at their own risk. This is a statutory notice u/s 32(4) of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932.

For MCI BANGALORE FINANCE
(Reg. No. 861/2001-02)
Managing Partner



BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE

4th Floor, Telephone
House Building, Rajbhawan Road,
Bangaluru-560001

OA No. 505 / 2022
BETWEEN : STATE BANK OF INDIA, SBI Centre, Banaswadi Bangalore. ... APPLICANT
AND: M/s. GOLDEN TOUCH SALON & SPA & ACADAMI. ... DEFENDANT
To, DEFENDANT: M/s. GOLDEN TOUCH SALON & SPA & ACADAMI, No. 1,2, Hormamavu Main Road, Ashirwad Colony, Opp. Home Buzz Super Market, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043. Represented by its Proprietrix, Smt. Mamatha V

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF DRT PROCEDURE RULE 1996 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATIION
WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendant for recovery of Rs. 23,65,879/- (Rupees twenty three lakh sixty five thousand eight hundred and seventy nine only) inclusive of interest till 04-01-2022 along with future interest from 05-01-2022 to till the date of realization of entire claim amount along with cost of this proceedings in respect of Cash Credit facility and Term Loan facility and for the reliefs.
You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on 15-11-2023 at 10:30 AM in the forenoon in person or pleader/ advocate duly instructed has to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 04-10-2023.
By Order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore.



BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY APPELLATE TRIBUNAL, CHENNAI

AIR No.739 of 2023
Sri. D. Subbakar ... APPELLANT -Vs/-
1.Canara Bank, 2.M/s. Accenture Bodtronics, 3. Sri. N. Linkumathur, 4.Smt. L. Kanthiy, 5. Sri. P. Ramesh ... RESPONDENTS
To: 1. M/s.Accenture Bodtronics, (R-2), No. B-84, Industrial Area, Veerandara, Electronic City Post, Bangalore - 560 100, Rep. by its Partners Sri. N. Linkumathur and Smt. L. Kanthiy, 2. Sri. N. Linkumathur (R-3), S/o. Sri. G.T. Nagarathinam, Partner, M/s. Accenture Bodtronics, R/at No.102, 1st Floor, 89, "Nagalaya Apartments" Hebbagodi, Bangalore - 560 099.
3. Smt. L. Kanthiy, (R-4) W/o. Sri. Linkumathur, Partner, M/s. Accenture Bodtronics, R/at No.102, 1st Floor, 89, "Nagalaya Apartments" Hebbagodi, Bangalore - 560 099
4. Sri. P. Ramesh (R-5), S/o. Sri. PV. Krishna Rao, Partner/M/s. Accenture Bodtronics, R/at No.1550, AECS Layout, Opp. Brookfields, Kunnahalli, Bangalore - 560075.
Sic.
Sic: IA.No. 300 of 2023 in AIR No.739 of 2023. Subbakar vs. Canara Bank and 4 others, before the DRT, Chennai - Reg.
Our client preferred the above appeal, as against the final order passed by the DRT-II, Bengaluru on various legal grounds, in which I.A.No. 300 of 2023 in AIR 739 of 2023 was filed for waiver of the pre-deposit and to entertain the present appeal. The matter came up for hearing on 04-10-2023 before the Hon'ble DRT, Chennai. Since the notices sent to R-2-R5 returned unserved, the Hon'ble DRT, Chennai has ordered notice to all of you by way of substituted



UK SC weighs if it's lawful to send migrants to Rwanda

LONDON

THE UK government's contentious policy to stem the flow of migrants faces one of its toughest challenges this week as the UK Supreme Court weighs whether it's lawful to send asylum-seekers to Rwanda.

The Conservative government is challenging a Court of Appeal ruling in June that said the policy intended to deter immigrants from risking their lives crossing the English Channel in small boats is unlawful because the East African country is not a safe place.

Three days of arguments are scheduled to begin from Monday with the government arguing its policy is safe and lawyers for migrants from Vietnam, Syria, Iraq, Iran and Sudan contending it's unlawful and inhumane.

A High Court judge initially upheld the policy, saying it didn't breach Britain's obligations under the UN Refugee Convention or other international agreements.

But that ruling was reversed by a 2-1 decision in the Court of Appeal that found that while it was not unlawful to send asylum-seekers to a safe third country, Rwanda could not be deemed safe. **AP**

Hamas militants still on ground in Israel, says army

Israeli forces struck 800 Hamas targets in Gaza, says military spokesman

JERUSALEM

THE Israeli army said it was sending in reinforcements against Hamas militants who were still on Israeli territory on Sunday, a day after they stormed across the border from Gaza.

"The enemy is still on the ground" in Israel, military spokesman Daniel Hagari told journalists at a news conference. "We are reinforcing our forces, especially near the Gaza Strip," he said, adding the army had struck 800 Hamas targets in the coastal enclave.

The Security Cabinet also approved "significant military steps." The steps were not defined, but the declaration appears to give the military and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu a wide mandate.

Also, Israel's minister for strategic affairs, Ron Dermer, said American citizens are among those who were taken captive but gave no details about them, nor about Americans who might have been killed. "Unfortunately I can't. We have a lot of dual citizens in Israel. I suspect there are several, but we're still trying to sort through all of this information after this horrific



Palestinian militants attend the funeral of 19-year-old who was killed in clashes near Nablus the previous day, in the West Bank city of Jenin on Sunday | AP

surprise attack and we'll make sure to put that information out so that the loved ones of these people who were killed and who are held hostage, they know as quickly as possible," Dermer told CNN.

Meanwhile, Jews in France said on Sunday they fear the war between Israel and Hamas could fan anti-Semitic hatred against their community and make them targets.

France's Jewish population, estimated at over 5,00,000, is the

largest in Europe and the third-biggest in the world, after Israel and the United States.

Middle East tensions get much attention in France, which is also home to an estimated five to seven million people of Arab descent, the second-largest ethnic group in the population of 65 million. "We are all stunned," said Herve Reby, a doctor who is also the co-president of the Yavne cultural centre in Bordeaux, southwestern France. **Agencies**

INDONESIA

GOVT CALLS FOR THE END OF VIOLENCE

Indonesia, a long-time supporter of the Palestinian cause, said on Sunday it was deeply concerned about the escalation of conflict between Israelis and Palestinians and called for the violence to end. "Indonesia is deeply concerned with the escalation of conflict... Indonesia urges the immediate end of violence to avoid further human casualties," the Indonesian foreign ministry said. "The root of the conflict, namely the occupation of the Palestinian territories by Israel, must be resolved, in accordance with the parameters agreed upon by the UN"

ASIA MATTERS



UNHEALTHY AIR QUALITY IN 19 AREAS

Air quality in Malaysia is unhealthy in 19 regions in seven states on Sunday. The Malaysian Air Pollution Index Management System (APIMS) showed that the Nilai, Negri Sembilan recorded the highest API (Air Pollutant Index) with a reading of 162. This was followed by Bukit Rambai, Melaka (160); Batu Pahat, Johor (159); Kuala Lumpur (155)

THAILAND

ADVANCING HEALTHCARE WITH HELP OF AI

Thailand's Digital Economy and Society Ministry and the Digital Economy Promotion Agency (DEPA) along with AstraZeneca (Thailand) will advance digital healthcare solutions within the nation's public health system. Their goal will be on leveraging AI technology for the early detection of lung cancer. The government's objective is to broaden healthcare services in remote areas and hospitals, making health check-ups more accessible and affordable. This initiative aims to offer comprehensive support to all segments of society, **NNT reported**

Calif gov vetoes bill that would have banned caste discrimination

WASHINGTON

CALIFORNIA Governor Gavin Newsom has vetoed a landmark anti-caste discrimination bill recently passed by the state assembly, terming it "unnecessary" and underlining that laws to ban caste-based discrimination already exist in the US state.

The governor's move has been welcomed by a large segment of the Indian-American community who were opposing the bill based on the same argument.

"In California, we believe everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, no matter who they are, where they come from, who they love, or where they live," Newsom said. "That is why California already prohibits discrimination based on sex, race, colour, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, and other characteristics, and state law specifies that these civil rights protections shall be liberally construed. Because discrimination based on caste is already

250 million face caste discrimination

A United Nations report in 2016 said at least 250 million people worldwide still face caste discrimination in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Pacific regions, and in various diaspora communities.

prohibited under these existing categories, this bill is unnecessary," he said.

For this reason, California Governor asserted that he 'cannot sign' the bill, known as SB403, which was recently passed by a large majority by both the House of Representatives and Senate of the California State Assembly.

California would have been the first US state to formally ban discrimination on the basis of caste if the Governor had signed the bill.

The bill was introduced in March by Democratic state Senator Aisha Wahab, the first Muslim and Afghan American elected to the California Legislature. **PTI**

More than 2,000 killed in Afghanistan earthquakes

HERAT

THE death toll from a series of earthquakes in western Afghanistan rose sharply on Sunday to more than 2,000, the Taliban government said, as bodies continued to be pulled from demolished villages and buried in mass graves.

In the rural Zinda Jan district, village households were reduced to jumbles of broken masonry, where makeshift rescue teams continued to dig frantic trenches on Sunday.

Aid gradually trickled into the disaster zone including food, water, tents and coffins for the dead who were pulled from the rubble by excavators and men with pickaxes as well as shovels.

Disaster management ministry spokesman Mullah Janan



Afghan men clear the debris after an earthquake in Herat on Sunday | AP

Sayeq said the nation "witnessed an unprecedented earthquake," putting the number of dead at 2,053 across 13 villages around mid-day on Sunday.

"For the treatment of the victims of the incident we are doing our best," he told reporters in Kabul. "On-site search operations in the affected area are

ongoing."

He also gave a figure of more than 9,000 injured but later retracted that, saying it referred to the number of residents in the affected area.

Doctors Without Borders set up five medical tents at Herat Regional Hospital to accommodate up to 80 patients. Authori-

ties have treated more than 300 patients, according to the agency. UNICEF dispatched thousands of supplies, including winter clothes and tarpaulins as temperatures dropped.

Save the Children said the scale of the damage was horrific. "The numbers affected by this tragedy are truly disturbing—and those numbers will rise as people are still trapped in the rubble of their homes in Herat," said the aid group's country director for Afghanistan, Arshad Malik. "This is a crisis on top of a crisis. Even before this disaster, children were suffering from a devastating lack of food."

One further aftershock of magnitude 4.2 hit the same area around 7.00 am on Sunday morning, as per United States Geological Survey. **Agencies**

An app shows how ancient Greek sites looked years ago

TOURISTS AT THE ACROPOLIS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON CAN WITNESS THE RESOLUTION OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST HEATED DEBATES ON CULTURAL HERITAGE. ALL THEY NEED IS A SMARTPHONE

PARTHENON TEMPLE

Visitors can now pinch and zoom their way around the ancient Greek site, with a digital overlay showing how it once looked

That includes a collection of marble sculptures removed from the Parthenon more than 200 years ago that are now on display at the British Museum in London. Greece has demanded they be returned

APP BY CULTURE MINISTRY

For now, the app allows visitors to point their phones at the Parthenon temple, and the sculptures housed in London appear back on the monument as archaeologists believe they looked 2,500 years ago

Other, less widely known features also appear: Many of the sculptures on the Acropolis were painted in striking colours

CHRONOS APP

The app, called "Chronos" after the mythological king of the Titans and Greek word for "time," uses augmented reality (AR) to place the ancient impression of the site onto the screen, matching the real-world view

AR is reaching consumers after a long wait and is set to affect a huge range of professional and leisure activities

Developed by Greek telecoms provider Cosmote, the free app's designers say they hope to build on existing features that include an artificial intelligence-powered virtual guide, Clío

Virtual reconstructions using Chronos also cover three other monuments at the Acropolis, an adjacent Roman theater and parts of the Acropolis Museum



Sensing power, Britain's poll favourite Labour party holds annual conference

LONDON

THE leader of UK's Labour opposition on Sunday warned the party to keep its feet on the ground as it eyes a return to power after more than a decade out of office.

Keir Starmer's words of caution came as deputy leader Angela Rayner kicked off what could be the party's last annual conference before the next general election, with a raft of pledges to strengthen workers' rights. She said Labour would put legislation before parliament to give workers a better deal including abolishing fire and rehire policies by employers, which often see staff taken back on worse terms, within

100 days of being elected. "Our movement has never been so unified, so focussed around one aim—to give Britain its future back," Rayner said.

Labour has enjoyed double-digit poll leads for months and has been buoyed by a big local election win in Scotland on Thursday.

But Starmer said the party would not be taking anything for granted.

"It is not going to be giddy, it is not going to be job done," Starmer told *The Observer*.

The conference comes as Conservative PM Rishi Sunak's government has been battling stubbornly high inflation, a cost of living crisis and strikes

across the economy including the National Health Service.

Starmer announced \$1.8 billion plan to tackle NHS waiting lists that have ballooned due to the impact of the strikes on top of a huge Covid pandemic backlog. The plan, which Starmer outlined in an interview with *The Sunday Mirror*, would create 2.2 million NHS appointments a year.

Starmer will be looking to come out of four-day event in Liverpool with the party's poll lead intact, even strengthened, after last week's Conservative party conference was overshadowed by downgrading of high-speed rail project. **AFP**



EMPLOYMENT CONCERNS

Indian students worried about jobs in Canada

TORONTO

AS India-Canada relations strained in the wake of allegations by Canadian PM Justin Trudeau against India, there is another major problem that is plaguing Indian students here—lack of job opportunities.

In 2022, a total of 2,26,450 Indian students arrived in Canada to pursue higher education, making India the top source country of new international students entering the North American nation last year.

According to the global education search platform Erudera, the total number of international students in all

education levels in Canada is 8,07,750, including higher education. Of this, 5,51,405 received a study permit in Canada last year: Erudera data said that India has the most study permit holders in 2022 in Canada, with 2,26,450 students.

"I am not thinking about the India-Canada rift so much. I am more worried and concerned about my future. There is a huge dearth of jobs here, and I don't know whether I will be able to secure work once I complete my studies," Harwinder (name changed on request to protect his privacy), said.

Several Indian students around Greater Toronto area



echoed a similar sentiment.

Mayank (who did not wish to disclose his last name) is pursuing a course in health services at an institute in the Greater Toronto area. He said while he

and his friends have not experienced any difficulties in the aftermath of the diplomatic standoff between Delhi and Ottawa, what is giving him sleepless nights is the thought of not finding work once he finishes his studies in Toronto

According to ICEF Monitor, a market intelligence resource for the global education industry, there were 3,20,000 Indian students with active study permits at the end of December 2022, a growth of 47% over the previous year. "Indian students accounted for nearly four out of every ten foreign students in Canada as of the end of 2022," ICEF Monitor said. **PTI**

Taliban suspend consular service in UK

Islamabad: The Taliban are suspending consular services at two Afghan embassies, London and Vienna, over their lack of transparency and cooperation with authorities in Kabul. The suspension of consular services is with immediate effect, foreign ministry spokesperson Abdul Qahar Balkhi said on Sunday. The services affected include the issue and extension of passports and visas.

HK cancels flights as Koinu draws nearer

Hong Kong: Scores of flights in Hong Kong were cancelled on Sunday as Tropical Storm Koinu neared the southern Chinese city after leaving one dead and over 300 injured in Taiwan. Koinu was expected to skirt about 70 kilometres from Hong Kong on Sunday night, dumping heavy showers, the Hong Kong Observatory said. The storm is forecast to move across waters of Guangdong on Sunday and Monday.

This festive season gold can add glitter to your portfolio

Apart from purchasing physical gold, investors can also consider other forms such as exchange-traded funds, sovereign gold bonds, gold bars and coins

VAITHEESWARAN B @Chennai

WITH the festive and wedding season around the corner, Indian families are likely to buy gold jewellery. The gold consumption patterns in the country are shifting with the younger generation's preferences and increased access to the financial markets through digital channels. Nevertheless, gold is considered as a safe haven in the time of market uncertainty and a hedge against inflation. It is inversely linked to the stock markets. Depending on your financial goals, gold can help you to diversify your portfolio mix. Here is your complete guide to different forms of gold, factors to consider and where to buy the precious yellow metal.

Your gold-buying options

Traditionally gold is bought in physical forms – jewellery, gold coins, etc – but there are a lot

of forms in which you can buy gold. Your options out there include bullion coins and bars, which is familiar with a few and digital gold, gold ETFs and sovereign gold bonds, arguably lesser known among retail investors. One should consider their investment time horizon, risk appetite to meet the financial goals.

Jewellery

The age-old jewellery needs no introduction for Indians. However, it is important to note key factors like quality and safety, tax rates and other charges.

Always check for the BIS hallmark and whether it is 22 karat gold. Karat refers to the purity of gold and 22 karat means it is 91.6% pure gold, which is used to make jewellery. This determines the resale value of jewellery. Ask for details of /break up maker's charges and negotiate with the retailers. Jewellery, which



serves both as an ornament and investment for many, especially in the lower and middle income households, attracts maker's charges, wastage of gold, and GST charges. There is no rebate for taxes when you sell. Traditionally, people buy gold from trusted neighbourhood jewellers, but of late, big jewellery retailers with pan India presence are gaining ground and preference over

smaller retailers. Jewellery can also be bought through online stores and comes with safety and security features such as being packed under video camera and damage-proofed.

Gold bars & Coins

Bullion bars and coins can be bought in different denominations and are generally considered alternatives. They attract

around 5% making charges along with GST but have lower markup. It could be helpful if you plan to sell or make jewellery at a later date. Gold bars and coins with engravings can be purchased from jewellery retailer, public sector trading body MMTA or through banks.

Gold ETFs

Gold ETFs provide investors

with a low-cost option to invest in gold-backed assets and like an open-ended mutual fund scheme which invests in gold. You don't need to pay GST unlike physical commodities. It can help you to diversify your portfolio without buying physical gold. Some argue, with ETFs, investors can realise the returns better compared to the commodity itself. Gold ETFs are easy to enter and exit. However, retail investors should keep in mind the fact that long-term gold ETF investment attracts higher capital gains taxes but exiting in the short term may incur losses due to drop in prices because of market conditions. Stock brokers, new-age discounted brokerages and banks offer gold ETF trading and investors can choose from various gold ETF products in the market.

Sovereign gold bonds (SGBs)

Sovereign gold bonds are gov-

ernment securities issued by the Reserve Bank of India on behalf of the Government of India. You can eliminate storage risks, and in some cases cost of storage. They are free from issues such as making charges and purity. SGB has tenors of eight years in which one will receive 2.5% interest per annum (paid half yearly as 1.25%). If you hold the gold bond till the maturity, then no capital gain tax will be levied, except for tax on 2.5% interest. SGBs are denominated in grams of gold and minimum permissible investment is 1 gram of gold and maximum limit is 4 kg for individuals. Sovereign gold bonds can be bought online from internet banking at SBI, HDFC, PNB, Canara Bank and ICICI Bank. It can also be bought from commercial banks, SHCIL, post offices designated by the RBI, and recognised stock exchanges.

MONEY MATTERS

WHY DIFFERENTIATE SAVINGS FROM INVESTING

setting up financial goals.

If you need money for a car or a holiday in a year or two, you must put it in a fixed deposit or a liquid mutual fund. The idea is to protect your capital at all costs and not lose money.

You need that money for a purpose, and it better be there when the time comes. As a result, you cannot commit it to equity assets.

Investing in stocks or equity assets directly or through mutual funds should be your choice only when you are prepared to give it time. You should put only that money into equity markets you do not need now. Your retirement savings must stay invested for 25 years to give you the benefit of the power of compounding. The longer you stay invested, the better from a wealth creation standpoint.

Your financial goals determine the direction you give to your money. Your money is a saving if it caters to short-term goals. It is an investment if it is for a long-term goal.

Wealth creation

The purpose of all actions you take related to your money is to ensure you create enough wealth to look after yourself and your family. Your savings will merely protect your wealth. You cannot create wealth by merely saving your money in gold or owning physical assets. Wealth creation is

possible only when your investment beats inflation. The value of your money grows only when it is higher than inflation.

There is adequate data that shows equity assets generate a higher return over 20-25 years. Despite that, most of you choose to own physical assets like gold or property. There is nothing wrong with that since it is a choice you make. However, looking at your fancy for gold and real estate from the prism of savings and investment is essential. You need an appropriate

asset allocation plan to ensure a proper balance between the money you need for multiple financial goals. You need to figure that out if you are familiar with finance. If you are not, you need help from a professional advisor.

Engaging a financial advisor is the most prudent step in investing. Your conversations with the financial advisor will help you underline the difference between savings and investments. Professional help makes sense if you do not want to do the reading yourself. Personal finance can get complex for those who do not work in finance. You need to understand the impact of interest rates and inflation on your money. You also need to understand the returns of your investments over and above inflation. That interplay affects your future wealth in more ways than you think.



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MONEY-WISE

ARE YOU REALLY WEALTHY? TIME TO INTROSPECT

However, unfortunately, other 'abundance' measures do not exist.

Imagine asking someone 'how much health' do you have or 'how much knowledge do you have'.

Let us consider a meeting of the top 30 scientists of the world – are people judged on the basis of their net-worth? Or a sports meet – say runners meet. You will be judged on how good a student you have been in terms of training, mental strength, medals etc. – again not by money.

Money has another problem – it starts giving pleasure after reaching a par-

When you are well reputed for your knowledge (say like Late President APJ Abdul Kalam) – we don't judge him by the money he earned, but by the knowledge and a great human being that he was. Will we be able to say he was not wealthy?

Do we judge Sachin Tendulkar (or Vishwanathan Anand) by the amount of money they made or by their sports skill?

Can you ask a person how much is your health? No. It can't be measured. We judge and rank by easy to measure stuff like salary and net-worth.

Do remember that compounding works in wealth. So, if you invest in health, knowledge, relationships, time management, etc. you will reap the benefits of compounding. Money can't say that it is the only claimant to world wealth.

You can be wealthy in terms of health (gives you an option of how to use your leisure time and money), knowledge, relationships (you look forward to your retirement!). The greatest surplus that a wealthy man has of course is time. A person who is rich has a lot of money, but a person who is wealthy has a lot of time. A person is wealthy in my eyes only if he/she has a balance of money, health, knowledge, reputation, relationships, in balance.

What is the point in having a lot of money, and good health but such a bad reputation that nobody wants to be friends with you?



FINANCIAL ADVICE

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Wealth is the abundant possession of valuable resources. So, if you have anything (valuable) in abundant quantity, you are wealthy. If a person has 100 apples in Mumbai, he will be worth ₹10,000 at least.

However, during the apple harvest time in Shimla you find apples lying on the road with no takers!

When you hear the word wealthy you normally think of a rich person with a nice income, a house, car, etc.

However, a person could be wealthy if he/she has good health, good knowledge, social standing, etc. Money does not have a monopoly over being wealthy.

We talk only about money as wealth because it is easy to measure. When someone says 'My salary is ₹30 lakh per annum' or 'My house is worth ₹7 crore' – these are MEASURABLE wealth statements.



ticular level – in the Indian context say ₹30 lakh.

Another problem with money is if you get it late in life, it is not likely to be very useful.

If you got money at the age of 55, that money can't be used for you to climb Everest, can you?

'Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning to shape ecommerce future'

UMA KANNAN @Bengaluru

THE future of ecommerce will be shaped massively by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), and these technologies will help in understanding consumer preference and predict consumer trends accurately. Kishore Thota, Director, Product & Technology, India & Emerging Markets, Amazon India, told TNIE.

He said consumers are increasingly starting to choose the ease and convenience of online shopping over other traditional factors that used to affect consumer attention and retention, like competitive pricing.

"Optimising AI and ML tools in ecommerce is crucial in delivering products and services that are personalised and easily accessible," he said.

This year, during the Amazon Great Indian Festival, which started on October 8, the ecommerce player will have over 1000 streams through a curated list of over 300 influenc-



ers across tech, gaming, fashion, lifestyle, home, sports, and beauty. Amazon has also developed AR based shopping experiences.

Amazon has committed to investing an additional \$15 billion in India over the next seven years.

"This will take the company's total India investment across all businesses to \$26 billion. Our main focus remains on digitisation of small businesses, creating jobs, enabling

exports, and empowering individuals and small businesses to compete globally," he added.

Amazon India on Friday announced that it has created over 1 lakh seasonal job opportunities across its operations network, for the festive season. These opportunities include direct and indirect jobs across India.

It has already onboarded the majority of these new hires into its existing network, where they will pick, pack, ship, and deliver customer orders.

Thota also said that there are unique needs and challenges to address for a diverse country like India, as the next 100-200 million customers come online.

"There are issues to iron out like language barriers, voice to text, overcoming hesitation to use digital payments, preference for a touch and feel experience before making a purchase. We need to continuously lower these barriers and increase adoption to these services," he added.

FAME subsidy: Govt likely to debar six EV cos

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government is planning legal action against six auto companies who have failed to return the incentives availed fraudulently under government's FAME II scheme.

"The deadline given to them (to return the incentives) has been over, and the government is now looking to take legal action against these companies. The government is also planning to blacklist these companies from availing any such incentives in future," a government official told TNIE.

According to the official, only Revolt Motors has deposited ₹50 crore (₹44.3 crore in incentive plus interest) so far.

The others who were found illegally availing incentives under the scheme are Hero Electric, which had availed incentives worth ₹133.8 crore, Okinawa Autotech (₹116.85 crore), Ampere Vehicles (₹124.91 crore), Benling India (₹48.42 crore), Amo Mobility (₹83 lakh) and Lohia Auto (₹11 lakh).

A total of ₹469 crore was availed by these companies. There were complaints against



12 electric two-wheeler companies for fraudulently claiming incentives under the FAME II scheme, but allegations against only seven were established. These companies were found to be wrongly claiming imported components used in their vehicles as locally sourced.

According to government officials, the government has given them an opportunity to present their case, and the government is ready to take civil and criminal action against them as part of the recovery

process. Phase-II of FAME Scheme with an outlay of ₹10,000 crore for a period of 3 years commencing from 1 April 2019. The aim of FAME II scheme was to generate demand by way of supporting 7000 Electric Buses (e-bus), 5 lakh electric three wheelers, 55,000 electric four wheeler passenger cars (including Strong Hybrid) and 10 lakh electric two wheelers (e-2W). Vehicles, fitted with only advanced chemistry batteries, meeting with minimum technical criteria

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and registered as "Motor Vehicle" as per CMVR were eligible for incentive under the scheme. Meanwhile, several players of the auto industry have made their representation to the government on the third phase of the FAME India scheme, and the government is now doing internal discussion on the broader contour of the same. "Once the internal discussion is over and we come up with a report, we will seek public consultation on the matter," a government source told TNIE.

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Tender 01:	Tender cum auction for Licensing of Advertisement Rights on Piers & Portals Corridor I & II of Phase 1 - Package Nos (I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, X) on rolling basis.
Contract No	BDIP-III/452/2023/06
Documents download from	09.10.2023 to 20.10.2023 (on all working days between 10.00-15.00 hrs)
Pre-Bid Meeting Date	12.10.2023 on 11.30 hrs at CMRL Office- MetroS, Anna salai, Nandanam, Chennai- 600 035.
Due Date of Bid Submission	20/10/2023 up to 15.00 hours (IST)
Date of Bid Opening	21/10/2023 at 15.05 hours (IST)

For complete details, please visit e-procurement website: <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. The tender will continue in rolling basis. Prospective bidders are required to periodically check the e-procurement website to know the currently available inventories. The available inventories will be updated and the process will continue till award of all contracts. Any Corrigendum/Addendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on above mentioned website and will not be published in newspapers.

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CMRL invites digitally signed tender through e-procurement portal from reputed, experienced, financially sound, eligible applicants, who fulfil the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) under Single Stage Two Envelope (Technical & Financial) system for the works as detailed below :

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1	40368300 & 56739753	Home Loan	1. G Ramesha 2. Suma N	27.09.2023	INR 40,29,729.86/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing Site No. 594, Old Khatha No. 2094, New Khatha No. 1342, Formed In Sy.No. 24, Formed By The Karnataka Government Class 'D' Employees House Building Co-operative Society Limited, Situated At Lingadheeranahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Property Now Comes Under The Limits Of Bmp, Karnataka-560091, Measuring: East To West: 40.6 Feet And North To South: 30 Feet. Totally Measuring 1215 Square Feet And Bounded On: East: Site No. 591, West : Road, North: Site No. 595, South: Site No. 593
2	33937384 & 39127038	Loan Against Property	1. Kavita G Hegde 2. Ganesh Jayaram Hegde	16.09.2023	INR 18,21,244.27/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Site No. 12, Measuring East To West 20 Ft. And North To South 30 Ft., Admeasuring 600 Sq Ft., Sy. No. 59, Pramodh Layout, Pantharapalya V, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Valaya, Kengeri H, Bangalore South Taluk, Karnataka-560039, And, Bounded As: East : Site No. 13, West: Site No. 11, North: Road, South: Site No. 25

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Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)

Date : 09.10.2023
Place : Bangalore

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
Ernakulam Junction

TENDER NOTICE
No. 02-DCE-CN-ERS-OT-2023 Dated: 01.10.2023

Name of the work: Re-development of Ernakulam Junction Railway Station: Proposed Construction of Porta Cabin Type Gents and Ladies waiting hall between Platform No.1 and Officers Rest House, Tender Value : ₹ 31.11 Lakhs; Completion Period of: 2 Months; Date of Opening: 26.10.2023 at 15.00 hrs.

Complete details & tender document will be available at <https://www.irops.gov.in>

Deputy Chief Engineer /I, (Construction), Ernakulam Junction

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Electrical (General), Construction, Chennai Egmore

Tender Notice No. E-HQ-CN-MS-EOT-06-2023 Dated: 05.10.2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, The Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer / General / Construction / Southern Railway / Egmore, Chennai - 600 008 invites E-Tender for the following work.

Name of work: Arakkonam - Electrical Loco shed - Augmentation of Infrastructure Facilities to Increase the Holding upto 175 Loco's - Electrification of existing AOH Shed and Inspection Shed, Power supply arrangements for new Service building in Inspection Shed and AOH Shed and also Electrification of Extended AOH Shed at Electrical Loco shed Arakkonam; 1. Period of completion: 6 Months; 2. Approximate Cost of Work: ₹ 2,76,68,877.67/-; 3. Cost of tender form: ₹ Nil; 4. Earnest Money deposit (EMD): ₹ 2,89,400/-; 5. Tender Closing Date & Time: 27.10.2023 at 11.00 AM; 6. Tender Opening Date & Time: 27.10.2023 at 11.30 AM

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. B.V. Srinivasulu S/o Sri. B.R. Varadana Naidu, residing at No. 99, 5th Cross, Road, 7th Main Road, Srinivasa Nagar, BSK 1st Stage, Bangalore, has retrievable lost the original Sale Deed dated 28-02-2013, registered as Document No. RRN-1-05589-2012-13, stored in CD No. RRND102, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajarajeshwari-nagar, Bangalore. My client has lodged a Police Complaint for lost article on 28-07-2003, under acknowledgement issued by the Bangalore City Police bearing Sl. No. 751318/2023 on 03-10-2023. Lost Report No. 0751318/2023. If any person / a found the said sale deed please come forward with in a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice and hand over the same to the under signed, will be suitably rewarded. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction in the process of being carried out using the missing document, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within 7 days from this paper publication. Else there will not be any further claims from thereon.

Sd/- B. Dinesh, Advocate
No. 16, 2nd Floor, Padmavathi Arcade, 1st Main Road, N.R. Colony, Bangalore-560 019. Mob: 9448405446.

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALURU
EX. No. 2562/2022
(FDP No. 84/2018 Dated: 18/07/2022)
Between : L. Krishna Murthy and ors ...Decree Holders

And: Smt. Hemavathi ...Judgement Debtor

COURT AUCTION SALE PUBLIC NOTICE

In pursuance of the Hon'ble City Civil Court order dated 18/07/2022 passed FDP No. 84/2018 and the orders passed in Ex.No. 2562/2022 on 11/08/2023, and on 11/08/2023 there by appointing the undersigned to conduct the spot sale through public Auction on 30/10/2023, the Auction sale will be held on 30/10/2023 at 3-00 PM in the premises of the schedule property described below and this Auction Sale Notice is published in KANNADA PRABHA AND INDIAN EXPRESS for the notice of the General public to participate in the Public Auction to be held on 30/10/2023 near schedule property.

Any intending purchasers may participate in the court public Auction Sale of the scheduled date and time by appearing in the public auction, auction will be held commencing from the book value of Rs.2,04,00,000/- (minimum bid amount) (guidelines value of the state Government).

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant immovable property bearing Site No. 304, formed by the Bengaluru Development Authority, situated at Jayanagara extension 3rd Block, Bengaluru, now comes under the limits of Bruhatth Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Pattabhiramangara, Ward No. 60, 10th Main Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru, having a property PID No. 60-99-9 present Municipal No.9 (Old No. 304), and measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 2400 square feet's and bounded on the,

East by : Site No. 321, West by : 10th Main Road, North by : Site No. 303 and South by : Site No. 305.

Sri. VASANTHAPPA
COURT COMMISSIONER & Advocate
No. 15, 2nd Floor, Kilari Road, Bengaluru - 560 053.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client is proposed to purchase the Property bearing Site No.367, in the Layout plan approved by Bangalore Development Authority in several in Survey numbers in Kodigehalli, Bytarayanapura and Kothihosahalli Villages, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, named as Rajeev Gandhi Nagar, N. T. I. Layout, II Phase, Bangalore - 560 092, measuring East to West 30 feet, and North to South 40feet, totally measuring about 1200 Square feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the

East by : Site No.366, West by : Site No.388; North by : Site No.378;South by : Road;

From It's present Owner Mrs. SHARMILA CHATTERJEE D/o Late Ajay Kumar Sur, She had acquired the same through inheritance (and comprise decree dated 18/08/2017 in O.S. No.637/2015) after demise of her father Late Ajay Kumar Sur, in fact who purchased the same in his life time under registered Deed of Sale dated 28/02/1995, registered as document No.7969/1994-95, Volume No.604, in Book-I, registered before the Sub Registrar Yalahanka, Bangalore, followed by Rectification deed dated 30/08/1995, registered as document No.3918/1995-96, Volume No.SF-644, in Book-I, registered before the Sub Registrar Yalahanka, Bangalore, from its erstwhile owner N.T.I. Technological Institution) House Building Co-operative Society Limited represented by its Secretary.

Any persons having any claim or interest in or to the said property or any part thereof through sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, bequest, possession, lease, ten, easement or otherwise is/are required to forward their claim to the said property, to the undersigned, along with relevant supporting documents thereto, within 10 (Ten) days from this date.

In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived and a valid and binding conveyance will be executed in my client's favour without any further reference in this regard.

MUNISHAMI REDDY .G.R, Advocate
226/87, opp BDA Park, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, BSK II Stage, Bengaluru - 560 085.
(M) 9740155591

FORM NO. 14: [See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti falling which by Publication.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC 609/2020 17/12/2020

Canara Bank, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage Branch, 3181, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, 2nd Block, Opp. BDA Complex, Ring Road, Bengaluru - 560 072. ...CERTIFICATE HOLDER

VERSUS

M/s VNK CONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED AND OTHERS

TO

1) M/s. VNK Construction Private Limited, Represented by its Directors Sri. Srinivas, Smt. Bhanumathi And Sri. Puneeth, No.621, 20th Main, Marenahalli, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 040.
2) Sri. Srinivas, S/o. Sri. Made Gowda, Director of M/s. VNK Constraction Private Ltd, No. 17/A, 3rd Cross, Adarsha Nagara, Mudalalaya, Bengaluru - 560 072.
3) Smt. Bhanumathi, W/o. Sri. Srinivas, Director of M/s. VNK Constraction Private Ltd, No. 17/A, 3rd Cross, Adarsha Nagara, Mudalalaya, Bengaluru - 560 072.
4) Sri. Puneeth, S/o. Sri. Srinivas, Director of M/s. VNK Constraction Private Ltd, No. 17/A, 3rd Cross, Adarsha Nagara, Mudalalaya, Bengaluru - 560 072
5) M/s. Andhra Bank, Cantonment Branch, No. 21, Uisoor Road, Bengaluru - 560 042, Represented by its Assistant Manager.

...CERTIFICATE DEBTOR

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT-1) in OA/1120/2019 an amount of Rs. 74,66,405.00 (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Sixty Six Thousands Four Hundred Five Only) along with pendente lite and future interest and costs till realization. 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing. 4. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 17/12/2020

Sd/-RECOVERY OFFICER- I
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 1)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, Bengaluru
B.S.N.L., 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

O.A.No.576/2022

Between
M/s. City Union Bank Ltd., Indira Nagar Branch,
Rep. by its Branch Manager.

... Applicant

and

Mr. A. Subramanyam Naidu
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF
THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE)
RULES 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To
Defendant No.2
2. Meerabai, W/o. Subramanyam Naidu,
R/at. No.605, Brigade Metropolis, Whitefield Road,
Mahadevapuram Road, Garudacharpalya, Bengaluru - 560048.

Whereas, the applicant Bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of the Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of Sum of Rs. 54,11,292/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Two only) with current and future interest, Cost and other reliefs. You hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of Publication of the Summons on or before 15-11-2023 at 10.30 a.m. in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice, that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned hereinabove, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on this 16th day of September, 2023.

Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal - I, Bengaluru.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(WORKS BRANCH)

TRIVANDRUM DIVISION

E-TENDER NOTICE No. V / W / TVC / 25 / 2023, Dated: 06.10.2023

For and on behalf of the President of India the Divisional Railway Manager / Works Branch / Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14, invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice and Complete details are given in our e-tender portal www.irops.gov.in.

Sl. No.	Description	Approx. Value ₹ in lakh	Earnest Money Deposit ₹	Period of Completion in Months
1	SSE/W/ERS Jurisdiction - Repairs to roof of service buildings and staff quarters to prevent leakage	213.28	256600	SIX
2	Repairs to Station approach road at PVRD station	51.13	102300	SIX
3	Provision of 20 person capacity lift at Railway Hospital / TVP	21.38	42800	FOUR
4	TVC Division - Instrumentation of Br. No. EAK-31 in ERS - ALLP - KYJ Section Temporary arrangements	33.08	66200	THREE
5	TVC Division - Proposed Replacement of existing steel girders with PSC slab for Br. No. 2387DN (4x12.19m) and Br. No. 2383DN (1x12.19m) in QLN-TVC section	269.49	284800	SIX
6	1) ERS - Essential repairs to platform surface including replacement of damaged slabs, repairs to trolley path etc. 2) Brightening up of platform shelters ERS, ERN, KUMM	73.68	147400	SIX
7	Construction of RPF Barracks at NCJ & CAPE	152.14	226100	EIGHT
8	Construction of RPF Barracks at KCVL & ALLP	154.18	227100	EIGHT
9	TVC Division - Proposed Replacement of existing steel girders with PSC slab for Br. No. 128 UP (1x12.20m) and Br. No. 136 UP (1x12.20m) in ERS-KTYM-KYJ section	136.53	218300	SIX
10	1) Nagercoil Sub-division - Improvements to staff quarters including drainage and water supply improvements 2) PROVISION OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION ROOM AT HU-Nagercoil.	208.42	254200	TWELVE
11	ADEN/NCJ Sub-division: Provision of Divyangjan facilities at Stations	360.83	330400	EIGHT
12	ADENTVTC Sub-division - Provision of Divyangjan facilities at Stations	136.80	218400	EIGHT
13	ADEN/QLN Sub-Division:-Provision of Divyangjan facilities at Stations	360.30	330200	EIGHT
14	Aluva-New upper class waiting hall, improvement to existing waiting halls & construction of new parcel office	225.20	262600	TWELVE
15	Repair and Maintenance of LCs in HAD - AMPA Section (PB No. 25/2020-21, AMPA - HAD Doubling)	25.76	51500	THREE
16	ZONE I-From KM 177300 TO KM.217000 (VAK INCL & TYP EXCLUSIVE) in Varkala Pway section	37.47	74900	NINE

Tender Closing date and time: Sl No.: 1 to 16 : 08.11.2023 at 11.00 hrs

Note: It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website; the same shall be taken into account while submitting.

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:EEE/TL & SS/NEL/AEE/O/MF-16/2023-24/2086-89 Date: 04.10.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited(KPTCL) is a Power Transmission Utility, wholly owned by Government of Karnataka. Under the guidelines of Central Electricity Authority, Government of India, KPTCL is Transmitting power under different Extra High voltage of 400kV, 220kV, 110kV & 66kV.

The Transmission Lines coming under the jurisdiction of the undersigned is passing through the Geographical area of Nelamangala Taluk, Magadi Taluk, Dasanapura Hobli in Bengaluru North Taluk, Tavarekere & Kengeri Hobli in Bengaluru South Taluk, Part of Kunigal Taluk.

The KPTCL has observed, public are constructing Residential buildings, Industries, Commercial Establishments etc. in the corridor of the Transmission lines in the above mentioned Geographical areas. In some places, Residential buildings were constructed and residing underneath the Transmission Lines, which is endangerous to the life of public and their property. Due to this the number of electrical accidents are occurring and increasing day by day. Due to this life and property of the public is at risk.

KPTCL does not encourage constructing buildings, planting trees, storing flammable materials under the lines or involving other activities near High Voltage lines. As such activities may result in loss of public property and lives. KPTCL Officials is enlightening the public the effect of construction of buildings underneath the Transmission lines and dangers involved through notices and oral communication. Despite if any accidents occur the owners of those buildings are themselves responsible for the same.

Construction of building/temporary sheds close to electric towers or tying banners and bunting to the tower are extremely dangerous. Public are hereby requested to inform nearest KPTCL office if they see any such activities.

Walking, flying kites and drying clothes on top of the buildings constructed close to or below extra High Voltage lines is very dangerous, as it will be subjected to induction zone of Extra High Voltage lines which will result in casualties or even death. Such accidents are frequently reported in many newspapers and in electronic media. So in order to stop such accidents, owners/residents of such buildings should not carry out any activities under or in vicinity of such Extra High Voltage Lines.

As per Central Electricity Authority Regulations-2022 Measures Relating to Safety and Electric Supply, vide Regulation No-63. Construction of buildings below present overhead Power lines is illegal. As mentioned in the Regulation, the owners of the buildings that are constructed close to and below the overhead Transmission lines should see that the minimum horizontal clearance are maintained from the buildings as shown below.

Clearance	66kV	220kV	400kV
Horizontal	2.3 Mtrs.	3.8 Mtrs.	5.6 Mtrs.

As per C.E.A.Regulations, it is the responsibility of every citizen to maintain minimum Horizontal clearance as mentioned above. In view of safety, it is informed to clear such buildings that are built illegally. Otherwise, the owners will be held responsible for any future accidents, interruption in power supply etc., and police complaint will be registered against the offenders and necessary action will be taken as per law.

This notification is issued in public interest.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Elec.),
KPTCL, TL & SS Division, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District - 562 123

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I am an athlete myself and I knew from the beginning that India will win more than 100 medals in Hangzhou. So I was not surprised when we crossed 100 medals.
— PT Usha, IOA president & former India athlete

From Parul Chaudhary's stunning heist to squash team's thrilling win over Pakistan, India had many memorable moments

HIGH & HANDSOME



Sharp-shooting Sift

In all, shooters won 22 medals (76, 95, 6B) with a number of elite performances across rifle and pistol. You would be hard-pressed to find a more dominating performance in the final than Sift Kaur Samra in the women's 50m R3P. In a discipline that traditionally hasn't been a stronghold, the 22-year-old set a new world record enroute. That she beat China's world champion, Zhang Qiongyue, by 7.3 points (in other words, almost by one extra ammo) in the final is a fair reflection of how she blew the competition out of the water. It was also the country's first individual gold of the Games.

Mukherjees to the fore

Ayhika and Sutirtha met each other more than two decades ago. They went to the same table tennis academy, went to the same junior clubs. That was the basis of an incredible bond that gave the country one of its most incredible medals in Hangzhou. In front of an extremely loud crowd, they took out the Chinese world No. 2 duo in the last eight that guaranteed them a medal. In the last four — when they were bidding to become the first Indian TT players to reach the final — they ran North Korea close before going down.

Chaudhary's race of life

With less than 400m in the gruelling 5000m women's event,



FINAL MEDALS TALLY		
28	38	41
GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE

FINAL POSITION: FOURTH

3 Shooting (seven), athletics (six) and archery (5) are the three disciplines that gave India at least five gold.

22 INDIA MEDALLED IN 22 SPORTS

It seemed that the event was already over. Japan's Ririka Hironaka was leading Parul Chaudhary by more than a few seconds and it seemed like that would hold. Yet, on the home straight, Chaudhary, 28, produced a final kick for the ages when she made a move on the inside. Hironaka was looking for the move on the outside but the Indian outsmarted to become the first women's athlete to medal in the 3000m steeplechase as well as the 5000m in the same Games.

Ghosal & Co bring roof down

Probably the one team gold that will still be spoken about by the time the next Games comes around in Japan. Up against Pakistan and in a rocking atmosphere, Abhay Singh, India's last singles player, saved a gold medal point before prevailing over Noor Zaman in a

thriller. Saurav Ghosal had brought India back into the tie after Mahesh Manganekar had been blanked in the opening singles rubber.

Badminton boys do history

The doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty came into the tournament as one of the leading lights of Indian sport. They now go back having enhanced their reputation. They once again showed by how much they have grown as a pair as they walked through the tournament with minimal fuss. In fact, the only time they faced trouble was when Shetty was down with a flu early on in the doubles tournament. Against South Korea in the final, they didn't even need to get out of third gear to win the country's first gold in the sport at the Games.

Compounding interest

India had one compound bow in their arsenal in 2004. Now, there's a case for saying they are one of the kings of this sport. Medals have come at the rate of knots this year and Asian domination has followed, with a clean sweep in the discipline. Ojas Deotale and Jyothi Surekha Vennam will go back to India as the two most successful athletes of the Games with three gold each.

Dressage gold

Before the Games, a dressage gold would have been one of the unlikely gold. A week later, it still feels like a dream because of all the governance issues inside the federation. But four athletes — all of whom moved base to Europe to concentrate on their careers — dared to dream and the made the impossible possible.

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur felt that all stakeholders played their part in ensuring the best-ever Asia Games this time for the country. In an email interview with this newspaper, he said that specialised training camps were organised for athletes and were funded by the sports ministry. Excerpts...

How do you think the sports ministry and SAI helped athletes to perform better?

The 107 medals tally, the highest in 60 years, is not just a historic feat but a turning point in Indian sports. The hard work and determination of our athletes to win medals for the country, the vision of honourable PM Shri Narendra Modi to create a holistic sports ecosystem, combined with the support extended to them through the Target Olympic Podium Scheme, Khelo India Scheme and other government funds has brought about these historic results. There is a shift in the mindset of our athletes — their confidence on the field shines through. Now they go to win, not just to participate. For these Asian Games preparations, there were several steps taken. After CWG, specialised training camps were

organised for the preparation for Asian Games. We appointed 49 foreign experts, including coaches, high-performance directors, high-performance managers, physiotherapists, and psychologists. Besides, more than 275 foreign exposure trips were given to athletes. Specialised support under TOPS has been provided to the athletes like Neeraj Chopra (athletics), Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty (badminton), Sharath Kamal (table tennis) Vishnu Saravanan (sailing), who were also as the top beneficiaries.

As per the requirement of athletes, they have trained abroad in the best training facilities. Neeraj has had 586 days of rigorous training across Europe, South Africa, and the USA. A dedicated foreign coach Klaus Bartonietz and a personal physiotherapist ensured year-round excellence. We have done well in sailing too and sailors under TOPS were provided support to the tune of ₹ 2.88cr towards foreign training and competition, procurement of equipment and hiring of coaches and support staff.

Avinash Sable was provided foreign training and competi-

tion in the USA, Switzerland, Hungary & Morocco and a coach was hired for him. In shooting, we have given ammunition support to the tune of ₹4.00 cr along with foreign specialised training camps in Germany, Italy, France & Czech Republic along with 185 days of coaching camps for ammunition and barrel testing. In badminton, HS Prannoy was provided specialized equipment for post-training recovery and crucial sustained performance along with personal support staff — strength and conditioning trainer, nutritionist, and psychologist — ensures comprehensive

care. We have also worked closely with National Sports Federations (NSFs) to ensure that our athletes are well-prepared in every possible way.

What are the schemes introduced in last four years, if any, or modifications done to existing schemes for elite athletes?

I think the restructuring of TOPS two years back when we introduced the development group was a differentiator. In 2014, when the PM launched the scheme, we supported just

75 athletes in the core group. Today, we support 285 athletes under TOPS development and core, which has greatly increased our bench strength. The intensive talent identification and nurturing through the Khelo India Scheme has also shown results. Of the 651 athletes at Asian Games this year, 124 are Khelo India athletes. It is this bench strength that is bringing multiple medals in a single category of shooting, athletics and archery. We have won 16 first-time medals as well and in new disciplines such as roller skating, sailing, table tennis, rowing, and equestrian. A mention must be made of our women athletes who have contributed 50 percent of the medals. Women in sports are turning out to be the power to reckon with.

Cooperation between NSFs and SAI and other stakeholders. How did it work?

Cooperation between NSFs, SAI, and other stakeholders has been essential to India's success at the Games. We have worked closely with NSFs to develop training plans, organise camps, and select athletes for competitions. We have also worked with other stakeholders, such as the corporate sector and the media, to promote sports and support our athletes.



Athletes bid goodbye

AGENCIES @ Hangzhou

THE curtains were brought down on a memorable Asian Games with the celebration of the athletes' stupendous feats and China's cultural heritage at a colourful and technologically mesmerising closing ceremony. A festive atmosphere descended on the 80,000 capacity 'Big Lo-

tus' Stadium in the 75-minute show of light, sound and laser with the athletes of the 45 participating countries bidding farewell after more than two weeks of intense action. Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) acting chief Randhir Singh declared the Games closed in the presence of Chinese premier Li Qiang and other dignitaries.



Artists perform during the closing ceremony in Hangzhou on Sunday | PTI

Kohli & Rahul rescue acts get India out of jail

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

IN a match billed as India's spin strength vs Australia's pace battery, India emerged victorious thanks to the same spinners who restricted Australia to 199. Later, a partnership of 165 runs between Virat Kohli and KL Rahul helped the hosts defeat the Pat Cummins-led side by six wickets in their World Cup opener at the MA Chidambaram stadium.

Set a target of 200 to win, India almost made heavy weather of the same due to lack of application and poor shot selection early doors. Australian speedsters Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood bowled with fire to shockingly reduce India to 2 for three. Skipper Rohit Sharma, Ishan Kishan, and Shreyas Iyer failed to open their accounts.

From then on, Kohli and Rahul hung around for the rescue act. Kohli enjoyed a slice of luck as he was dropped by Marsh off Hazlewood. Thereafter, Kohli put his experience to good use against all of Australia's pacers.

DID YOU KNOW?
WORLD CUP TRIVIA
The 1992 world cup was the first World cup to be played with a white ball and coloured uniforms.

Glenn Maxwell, introduced in the final over of the powerplay, gave away just nine runs in his first four overs. But, Adam Zampa eased the pressure on the Indians. As the partnership kept building, Cummins was running out of ideas. Kohli's running between the wickets was spot on as he ran 61 runs in the hot and humid Chennai conditions. Rahul, too, kept his patience to help the scoreboard ticking. At times, it was the wicket-keeper batter who took an aggressive route as he amassed his half-century in 72 balls.

Kohli's elegant knock of 85 ended in the 38th over, but by then India only needed 32 runs



KL Rahul (L) & Virat Kohli rescued India with a 165-run partnership | ASHWIN PRASATH

from 72 balls to seal the WC opener. Rahul, with help of vice-captain Hardik Pandya added those runs in just 22 balls and India registered an emphatic win by six wickets.

Earlier, India's spin trio of Ravindra Jadeja (3/28), Kuldeep Yadav (2/32) and R Ashwin (1/21) picked up six wickets among themselves to restrict Australia to 199 runs. Jadeja's familiarity with Chepauk turf came in

handy as he did not give the width for the Australian batters to play the shots. Kuldeep and Ashwin played their part to perfection to reduce Australia from 110 for 3 to 199 all out.

After losing Mitchell Marsh early, Steve Smith joined David Warner to stem the damage of the early loss. With the opponents negating the heat and pace well, captain Rohit Sharma had no choice but to introduce Yadav.

Warner was at ease and added a milestone to his name when he completed 1000 runs in the World Cup in 19 innings.

His end came when miscued an intended cover drive straight into the hands of Yadav to be caught and bowled. Warner along with Smith added 69 runs for the second wicket. Australia experienced the death by spin in Chennai when Jadeja sent Smith, Marbus Labuschagne, and Alex Carey back in quick succession. The biggest blow for Australia in the middle overs came when Glenn Maxwell fell trying to go for an ambitious pull shot off Yadav without judging the length of the ball, and was castled for 15.

Once Maxwell fell, the lower order, mainly led by Starc (28) added 59 runs to take Australia to 199 all out.

Brief Score: Australia 199 in 49.3 ovs (Steve Smith 46, David Warner 41; Ravindra Jadeja 3/28, Jasprit Bumrah 2/35) **lost to India** 201/4 in 41.2 ovs KL Rahul 97 n.o., Virat Kohli 85; Josh Hazlewood 3/38, Mitchell Starc 1/31) **by six wickets**

Netherlands face tough test

NEW ZEALAND TAKE ON NETHERLANDS IN THEIR SECOND GAME HERE IN HYDERABAD ON MONDAY. A LOOK...

GETTING BACK TO FITNESS

Blackcaps effectively had only 12 fit players to choose from ahead of their opener against England. Apart from Williamson, Ferguson was out due to a back niggle while Southey failed to recover after having surgery on his fractured right thumb. Southey and Ferguson are said to be fit for selection giving the team management a couple of more options this time around.

STRATEGIC CHANGES

The Dutch hinted at a few strategic changes in the squad when they meet New Zealand in their second match. There is also a cloud over availability of pacer Logan van Beek, who claimed the wicket of Pakistan opener Fakhar Zaman in the first match. He suffered an injury during the match and a call on him will be taken ahead of the match.

NEW ZEALAND VS NETHERLANDS, HYDERABAD | Live on Star Sports Network & Hotstar, 2 PM

IPL exposure give edge to Kane-less Black Caps

FIROZ MIRZA @ Hyderabad

KANE Williamson had represented the Hyderabad-based IPL franchise, Sunrisers Hyderabad, for eight seasons before being released after the 2022 edition. Kiwi all-rounder Glenn Phillips joined the squad the same season but didn't get a game after being unavailable for the first few fixtures due to Covid infection.

Retained for the 2023 season, the South Africa-born Phillips played five matches this year for the 2016 champions. He might not have featured in all the matches but the experience he gained by training with the squad in Hyderabad will come handy when his team faces Netherlands in their second World Cup match here on Monday. "Yeah, obviously, we've got guys who have played in various IPL teams. I myself and Kane (Williamson) playing here obviously brings a little bit of an advantage to giving information to the boys. We try to take all the information and put it together and as I said, come on the day and adapt to the conditions as fast as possible," he told journalists on the eve of the match.

Phillips confirmed that Williamson will not be available for Monday's game as well after he missed the first one against England. "No, we've released a bit of an extract, an update that Kane will be still recovering with the hopes of him playing in the third match, but we'll see how his recovery goes."

Head coach Gary Stead confirmed the same, adding that pacers Lockie Ferguson and Tim Southey are likely to be fit. "Lockie Ferguson got through training well so provided he is scrubbed up okay this morning, he will be available for this next game. Tim Southey also got through the training really well. It was great to see him back at the bowling crease and also doing a little bit of fielding. He will just get a final x-ray done this morning and we will make a call after that but it is all looking good for selection from now on and into the rest of the tournament," Stead said.

A nine-wicket victory over the defending champions England in their opener must have boosted the confidence of the team. Apart from Devon Conway and Rachin Ravindra, who scored unbeaten 152 and 123 respectively, Phillips also played a part in the win by casting Joe Root and Moeen Ali. The offie was happy with his show. "Yeah, obviously my bowling has been coming along for quite a while now. And to be able to get the opportunities on the big stage is a moment that I've been relishing for a long time. It's really nice to have the backing of the coaching staff and obviously the captain as well regardless of whether it's Kane or Tom, to be able to go out there and then look at me and go."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Fans join party belatedly

GOMESH S @ Chennai

On a Sunday when the stadium was supposed to be full, only a fraction of the crowd arrived at 1.30pm. The match was a high-profile one — India vs Australia. The MA Chidambaram Stadium at Chepauk where cricket enthusiasts usually fill the stands to the brim, was sparse. What seemed even more bizarre is that the official ticketing platform BookMyShow had declared sold-out days before the match.

After a lull in the stands for the first few games of the tournament, this is supposed to be the match that brings the tournament alive with a packed house. As Pat Cummins won the toss and opted to bat, and Rohit Sharma and Co were getting ready to field vast majority of the seats in the middle and upper stands were vacant.

Fans were filling in the lower stands and were waiting in extended queue outside the gates to enter. However, it did not remain that way for long. As the

match went by, crowd started coming in and by 3.30pm, the stadium was painted in blue with about 80 per cent stands filled. The official attendance for the match showed 33,110 (max capacity is 37,000).

BookMyShow apparently opened ticket sales on the morning of the game after showing that the match was sold out. Understandably, it created a buzz on social media with local fans checking the links constantly. One among them was Venkat, a college student from Chennai. "I had been checking the link since morning, but it didn't work. Then suddenly, it went into the queue around 10.45am (match starts at 2 pm). For about 20 minutes I waited and it opened at 11.10am, and I got two tickets. Even after getting into the ground, people were saying on X (formerly known as twitter) that tickets were open even at 1.30pm. I collected the tickets from Express Avenue mall on the way to the ground and eventually got in," said Venkat.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Pak & SL net sessions in spotlight

FIROZ MIRZA @ Hyderabad

WITH New Zealand playing against Netherlands at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium at Uppal on Monday, the practice sessions for Pakistan and Sri Lanka have been shifted to Gymkhana Ground in Hyderabad. Both the teams will play against each other at the stadium on Tuesday. According to a release issued by the International Cricket Council (ICC),

Sri Lanka will hold a practice session at the Gymkhana Ground from 10AM to 1PM. Pakistan will train at the venue from 2PM to 5PM.

Given the heightened security the Pakistan team has been provided ever since they landed on August 27, training sessions at the Gymkhana Ground may complicate things. However, the Hyderabad police were confident that they will provide the requisite security needed for the

practice sessions. "Yes, we are aware that the teams are practising here at the Gymkhana Ground on Monday. We will put all the security measures in place and do proper 'bandobast' for the players and other support staff so that the sessions can be conducted peacefully," J Bhaskar, Inspector at the Begumpet police station, told this daily. The Gymkhana Ground falls under Begumpet police station. Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Shuttler Shetty wins Junior Worlds bronze

NEW DELHI: Ayush Shetty's stellar run at the BWF World Junior Championships in Spokane, USA came to an end on Sunday as he finished his campaign with a bronze medal. Ayush became the 10th Indian to win a medal at the event. Ayush faced the tournament's fourth seed, Alwi Farhan of Indonesia in the semifinals.

Arsenal beat City, Liverpool held

LONDON: Gabriel Martinelli scored late as Arsenal beat Manchester City 1-0 at the Emirates Stadium in the Premier League on Sunday. Earlier, Liverpool were pegged back in a pulsating 2-2 draw at Brighton while Newcastle were also held 2-2 by West Ham. Results: Brighton 2-2 Liverpool; West Ham 2-2 Newcastle; Wolves 1-1 Aston Villa; Arsenal 1-0 Man City.

Bengaluru Marathon: Anish, Jyoti toppers

BENGALURU: Anish Thapa of Services and Maharashtra's Jyoti Gawate emerged as men's and women's champions respectively in the Bengaluru Marathon. Thapa, the New Delhi marathon champion, stopped the clock at 2:18:06 seconds to win the title, while Services' Akshay Saini and Kuldeep Singh of UP finished second and third.



ADVICE FOR ASPIRING CANDIDATES

Professor Debashis Chatterjee,
IIM Kozhikode

Students should be conscious of the old mindset that they are carrying about business as usual. Yet we can see that business as usual does not work anymore, just as the business school as usual does not work for me anymore. The new normal post the pandemic is not sitting there like a target you have to hit. The new normal is what you create through your karma— your thoughtful and conscious action



Professor Himanshu Rai, IIM Indore

An important piece of advice I would offer to prospective students considering admission to any Indian Institute of Management (IIM) is to pursue this path because it aligns with their personal aspirations, not because it appears to be a popular choice. It's crucial to ensure that your journey toward joining an IIM is a deliberate part of your envisioned path. When you have a well-defined vision for your academic and professional future, your decisions and efforts fall into place



Professor Rishikesha T Krishnan,
IIM Bangalore

India is advancing on many fronts. The country needs people with a wide range of skills and capabilities. There is enough space for everyone's interests and passions. What you need to succeed is to have confidence in yourself and strive for excellence. You have to play to your strengths and interests. It is difficult to be outstanding in a field chosen by someone else. Articulate your interests clearly. Demonstrate your competence to dispel others' doubts



Dr Mahadeo Jaiswal, IIM Sambalpur

One piece of advice I offer to students is to come prepared with ideas rather than just seeking high-paying jobs. Focus on deriving profound insights not only from classroom education but also from personal experiences and self-reflection



IIM THE BRAND, THE MYTH AND THE INSTITUTION

What does it mean to get an MBA from Indian Institutes of Management?
Mrittika Banerjee
finds out the answer



THE Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) have played a pivotal role in shaping the future of leadership and fostering innovation in the business landscape of India and abroad. As we delve into the insights shared by prominent professors and directors from leading IIMs, such as Professor Rishikesha T Krishnan, Director of IIM Bangalore; Professor Debashis Chatterjee, Director of IIM Kozhikode; Dr Mahadeo Jaiswal, the founding Director of IIM Sambalpur and Prof Himanshu Rai, Director of IIM Indore, we gain valuable perspectives on the significance of obtaining an MBA from IIMs, the challenges they face in maintaining their reputation and the role of research in their academic environments.

Mind matters: Homogenised in thought at IIMs?

IIM graduates have long been associated with a certain homogeneity in their approach, driven by a singular focus on high-quality jobs and corporate success. However, in recent years, IIMs have undertaken measures to diversify their student bodies. For example, IIM Kozhikode stands out as a pioneer in introducing gender and academic diversity. Achieving gender parity as early as 2013, they broke the glass ceiling with over 50% women MBA candidates.

Professor Rai mentions how IIM Indore awards extra marks in admission criteria for factors like gender and educational background, going beyond traditional metrics like CAT scores. To bridge the diversity gap among faculty members, IIM Bangalore launched the NS Ramaswamy pre-doc programme. This initiative supports individuals from disadvantaged communities.

Evolving role: IIMs in the context of India's business landscape

IIMs have played a pivotal role in India's growth story, leaving an indelible mark on the country's trajectory. Professor Krishnan aptly characterises their multifaceted contributions as, "A symphony of innovation, expertise, and leadership." He further elaborates them as follows:

- 1 Source of new ideas: IIMs are crucial sources of ideas. For instance, an IIM Bangalore study led to the waiver of stamp duty on low-cost housing, boosting the sector
- 2 Neutral experts: They serve as unbiased

Nurturing visionary leaders: What an MBA from IIMs entails today

According to Professor Rishikesha T Krishnan, Director and Professor of Strategy at IIM Bangalore, it signifies an immersive and transformative educational journey that moulds students into visionary global business leaders, dynamic entrepreneurs, influential policy-makers, and social change agents.

In a similar vein, Professor Rai of IIM Indore adds, "Beyond academics, IIMs also prioritise holistic development, encouraging participation in extracurricular activities for enhanced leadership and interpersonal skills." As an example, IIM Indore offers a distinctive Himalayan Outbound Programme, where students confront decision-making challenges in the heart of the Himalayas. Dr Mahadeo Jaiswal, the founding Director of IIM Sambalpur, echoes Professor Rai's sentiments, when he says, "The learning experience extends far beyond the classroom, with students actively participating in 30-40 events, some of which involve international collaboration."

IIMs: Challenges ahead

In an era where business ventures must be economically viable, technologically feasible, politically acceptable, and environmentally sustainable, IIMs need to nurture a generation attuned to this multidimensional approach. "We have this responsibility of creating a generation who think in this direction. The challenge, therein, is that we have to create competent managers and compassionate individuals," Prof Chatterjee from IIM Kozhikode contends. This approach, he believes, is in the very DNA of IIMs.

Shedding light on pressing challenges, Dr Jaiswal of IIM Sambalpur points out the issue of insufficient funding. He also urges for more international exposure, which impacts global rankings.

IIM Indore's Prof Rai emphasises staying relevant amidst the rise of generative AI and technology. Attracting and retaining top-notch faculty is a challenge too.

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Looking at Management Education beyond the IIMs

In the realm of management education, prestigious institutions extend far beyond the halls of the IIMs. MBA colleges have been making significant strides in advancing the field, catering to diverse needs and offering unique programmes that distinguish them in the competitive landscape. We have gathered insights from professors of five colleges to shed light on their contributions to the field of management education

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE

Professor Vamsidhar Ambatipudi, an Associate Professor at BITS Pilani Work Integrated Learning Programmes (WILP), illuminates the distinctive attributes of excellence, teaching methodologies, diversity, and the unique value proposition that distinguish BITS Pilani in the highly competitive landscape of management education. As we explore further, we discover the myriad reasons why BITS stands out and can be an excellent choice for many

BITS Pilani WILP sets itself apart with specialised programmes in FinTech, Digital Business and Business Analytics. The 100% online format integrates work experience into learning. It excels in fostering innovation. Its courses nurture leaders with a futuristic edge, focusing on quality management. The USP is fusion of industry relevance with academic rigour



— Prof Vamsidhar Ambatipudi, Associate Professor, BITS Pilani WILP

INDIAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (ISB)

One of the nation's prestigious private business schools with dual campuses in Hyderabad, Telangana, and Mohali, Punjab, which has garnered considerable acclaim is the Indian School of Business or ISB. EdexLive had the exclusive opportunity to speak with Professor Ramabhadran Thirumalai, Deputy Dean - Academic Programmes at ISB, Hyderabad, to gain more insights into the institute and its management programmes

ISB's impact on management education lies in its dual commitment to knowledge creation and dissemination. Faculty members contribute to global peer-reviewed journals and collaborate with government entities. One standout feature is the faculty's ability to integrate cutting-edge research into the classroom, fostering a dynamic learning environment. Students are drawn to ISB for its quality faculty and diversity within the cohort



— Professor Ramabhadran Thirumalai, Deputy Dean - Academic Programmes, ISB

What is ISB's unique feature and what attracts students to the institute?

One of the unique features of ISB's programmes is that its faculty's ability to bring in their research to the classroom. This is helped by the fact that they are actively involved in working on various cutting-edge issues. It is the quality of ISB's faculty that attracts students to ISB. Another is the diversity of the cohort, which leads to a diversity of perspectives and learning both inside and outside the classroom



What innovative teaching methods does WILP employ to enhance learning experience?

BITS Pilani work integrated learning programmes employ interactive modules, real-world case studies, and collaborative projects, ensuring a holistic learning experience. By intertwining work experiences with academic insights, WILP crafts leaders who are well-versed in theory, and industry-ready as well

IIT JODHPUR AND IIT GUWAHATI

Transitioning from their roots in technological education, the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have entered the realm of management with equal determination. As the IITs reshape the curriculum and nurture future business leaders, we gain insights from the heads of the School of Management at IIT Jodhpur and IIT Guwahati, allowing us to explore the world of IITs as management institutions

Can you highlight unique features of IITs' management programmes that distinguish them from other business schools in India, especially IIMs?

- IITs aim to combine technology and management to prepare students to explore a future of possibilities. The techno-management orientation is more relevant today to respond to the needs of emerging corporations in the wake of Industry 4.0

IITs, embedded within a strong technical ecosystem, contribute to management education by offering specialised MBA programmes in fields such as FinTech, Cyber Security, Data Science, and Artificial Intelligence. The techno-management orientation aligns with the demands of Industry 4.0. Excelling in areas like Tech, Management, Entrepreneurship and Digital transformation, IITs adopt a transdisciplinary approach. When it comes to the unique selling point of IITs, it is their ability to blend technology and management, encouraging entrepreneurship. As students consider brand image and industry connections, IITs remain a strong choice alongside IIMs

— Prof Sangeeta Sahney, Professor & Head, School of Management & Entrepreneurship, IIT Jodhpur

- IITs play a crucial role in delivering cutting-edge management and entrepreneurial education
- Transdisciplinary focus; students can take courses across Science and Engineering domains and interact with faculty and students at all levels



— Prof L Boeing Singh, Head, School of Business, IIT Guwahati

How are IITs advancing management education?

The ability to understand both the technical and business sides of the equation has a great impact on making decisions towards creating invaluable assets for a corporation in a highly competitive marketplace

NARSEE MONJEE INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES (NMIMS)

NMIMS has established itself as a prominent institution in the field of management studies in India, achieving a ranking of 83 in the esteemed Financial Times Masters in Management (FT MIM) Ranking for 2023. With valuable insights from Chandrima Sikdar, Assistant Dean of NMIMS School of Business Management, we explore the dynamic realm of NMIMS as a leading management institute

NMIMS distinguishes itself through its adaptability and industry alignment. Constantly benchmarking against global best practices, the institution actively involves industry partners in curriculum development. Feedback from recruiters and alumni shapes the curriculum



— Chandrima Sikdar, Assistant Dean of NMIMS School of Business Management (NMIMS)

Do students actively choose NMIMS over IIMs, and if so, why?

No one going to the older and more established IIMs will want to come to NMIMS. However, when it comes to the new IIMs, there are students who choose us as we are in Mumbai, we have a rich legacy and alumni network. Also, industry partners hold NMIMS in higher regard



DAY'S DIARY

Manhattan Project

On this day in 1941, President Franklin D Roosevelt approved the development of a atomic bomb, that would become the Manhattan Project

A FISSION BOMB

Compton committee — addressing questions of mass and destructive capability — reported that between 2 and 100 kg of uranium-235 would produce a powerful fission bomb



PRODUCTION

Leslie Groves and J Robert Oppenheimer enabled production of the bomb in a short timeline. It was successfully used later that year



WAR TO BOOKS

A number of books have been written about the Manhattan Project and the people involved in it. One among them was the biography of Oppenheimer

The latest events in
Bengaluru this week

PG 2

TAKING A DIFFERENT TURN

City-based racer Arjun Maini, along with his teammates finished runners-up in Bronze Class in the GT World Endurance Championship Europe, narrowly missing the title by just 3 points at the season finale in Barcelona earlier this month



(From the left) Sebastian Baud, Arjun Maini and Hubert Haupt



DESEGOWDA

A podium at Monza, victory at Paul Ricard and nearly the class title at Barcelona. Arjun Maini's second season in the GT World Challenge Europe Endurance Cup was a marked improvement from his debut season in 2022. Racing the #79 Mercedes AMG GT3 for Germany's Haupt Racing Team (HRT), Maini, along with teammates Hubert Haupt and Sebastian Baud, narrowly missed the Bronze Cup title by just 3 points.

"It was a bittersweet experience," says Maini, as he reflects on a messy season finale at Barcelona-Catalunya held on Oct 1. Going into the race, Team HRT trailed Sky-Team by eight points. Winning was essential, while Team STR needed to finish third or lower. Even as Team STR took the early race lead, Maini and his team got a break as one of their other rivals retired from the race. The stakes were high, Team HRT had the race pace and a solid pre-race strategy. "Barcelona is obviously a demanding track, and hard on the tyres. So the undercut is really effective there. Originally we were planning to initiate a strong undercut during my stint at the end. It seemed like we were in a good position and it would have been an interesting race. But obviously things changed during the race and it was quite a messy race," Maini adds.

The race took a turn for the worse when a miscommunication led to car #79 diving into the pits earlier than originally planned, during a full course

yellow (FCY). "We lost around 25 seconds during that period and it cost us a lot of places," says the disappointed 25-year-old.

Following a second stint by Baud that saw him recover 2 positions, Maini jumped into the car for the final stint. The final hour of the three-hour-long race saw frequent FCY and safety car interruptions. Nevertheless, Maini's strong race pace allowed him to recover to P4 in the Bronze class. "Despite the messy race, we managed to get ahead of the Sky car; but in the end it wasn't enough," adds Maini.

As a former single seater racer, who was once touted as a future Formula 1 talent, Maini has successfully transitioned to GT and endurance races in recent years, with stints in European Le Mans Series and Deutsche Tourenwagen Masters (DTM). So how does his experience racing in junior Formula translate to sportscars? "The basics are really similar. At the end of the day, it's just racing. But the main thing that translates from Formula racing is qualifying, because the approach is quite similar, in terms of putting a clean lap together, getting the tyres warmed up properly. In DTM especially, there are no tyre warmers, similar to F2, so there are a lot of similarities. In races, however, it's slightly different. GT is much more aggressive, with a lot more contact compared to formula racing," explains the Bengaluru boy, who has had an impressive 2023 so far.

"My debut at Nordschleife was a highlight. To have such a strong race there, finishing second in class and eighth overall was amazing. It was one of the toughest challenges I've ever done. And DTM has been quite tough this year for various reasons. But the World Challenge was decent, even if it was a bit disappointing. A lot of learnings, and a few things that I still need to improve upon," he concludes.



Bonhomie over Black Forest bakes

EXPRESS FEATURES

ON October 3, Bengalureans got a taste of Germany at the 33rd Day of German Unity with some local German drinks, delicacies, and desserts in the company of the well-known. Achim Burkart, Consul-General of Germany in Bengaluru, pointed out that since last year's Day of German Unity, India has seen an unprecedented influx of German high-ranking delegations due to the G20 presidency of India, the highlight being the visit of the Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz at the end of February this year to the city. "An absolute highlight was his meeting with the RCB women's team on the green of the Chinnaswamy Stadium—how can you be nearer to the Indian soul than with cricket?" he said.

Talking about sports, right on the day of German Unity, the lottery for the purchase of tickets for the European Soccer Championship 2024 in Germany started. "Take your chances and travel to Germany for world-class soccer experiences. The tournament will kick-off in Munich on June 14 and, after matches in Cologne, Frankfurt, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Leipzig, Gelsenkirchen, Dortmund, and Stuttgart, will see the finals in Berlin Olympia Stadium on July 14. We want EURO 2024 to be a celebration of soccer for all fans, with a focus on sport and encounters between people from all world. I am sure that we will once again be good hosts. We want to present what Germany stands for: an open and modern country with a diverse society," he said.



Attendees at the 33rd German Unity Day celebrations (top); a live performance in progress (above) NAGARAJA GADEKAL

CITY READ

KIOCL holds Swachata Hi Seva Drive

KIOCL Ltd. organised the Swachata Hi Seva campaign ('EK Tareek, Ek Ghanta') jointly with BBMP personnel at Madiwala market on October 1. CMD, directors, senior officers, employees, contract workers, and the public participated in the campaign along with 115 members. BBMP workers were honoured and floral tributes were paid to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri by T Saminathan, BK Mahapatra, D(C), Kishor Kumar Jhawar, D(F), GV Kiran, D(P&P), SVR Chandra Sekhar, chief vigilance officer, sr officers, and employees.



Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.



THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to bengaluruexpress@gmail.com with the subject line "Food quiz". The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Monday. The first prizewinner will receive a voucher worth ₹500 from Kund Indian Barbeque - Indiranagar, 100 Feet Road**

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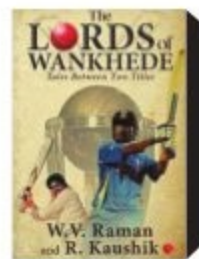
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The Lords of Wankhede: Tales Between Two Titles

by W.V. Raman and R. Kaushik

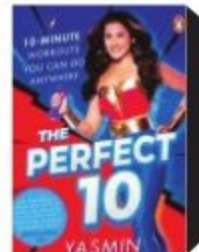
It explores the evolution of Indian cricket in the 28 years between the two World Cup successes. Seen through the eyes of a former Test cricketer, who has been associated with the game for four decades.



Devi: Mystery of the Calcutta Murders

by Prasun Roy

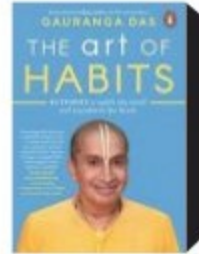
Kolkata has dressed up like a bride for the grand festival of Durga Puja. Amid the festivities, a dramatic turn of events unfold leading to multiple murders.



The Perfect 10

by Yasmin Karachiwala

The brains behind the beauty of some of India's biggest celebrities, Bollywood's fitness instructor extraordinaire, Yasmin Karachiwala's multidisciplinary approach to fitness includes weight training, HIIT, cardio, functional training, pilates and more.



The Art of Habits

by Gauranga Das

As the final book in the three-volume series (The Art of Resilience and The Art of Focus), The Art of Habits presents forty simple stories filled with deep revelations. What will enthrall the readers is the engaging narration, the dynamics of the situations that manifest and the deep learnings from such episodes.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE



Creative Wonderland

Step into a world where the screen fades to black and the magic of human connection and creativity takes centre stage. Enjoy a day of storytelling, role play, fun games, gardening, music, cooking, and much more at Detox Wonderland.

When: Oct 10, 5:30pm
 Where: Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli
 Details: bookmyshow.com

Tea Time Titters

Prepare for an evening of laughter and lightheartedness at 'Chai & Chuckles'. Enjoy an evening of comedy at this standup comedy open mic extravaganza.

When: Oct 9, 8pm
 Where: Chai Patti Teafie, Indiranagar
 Details: bookmyshow.com



Posture Perfect

Experience the technique developed by F Matthias Alexander in 1894. It is a self-help system designed to promote better health by enhancing posture, coordination and breathing.

When: Oct 10, 10am
 Where: Shoonya, Centre for Art and Somatic Practices, Lal Bagh Main Rd
 Details: bookmyshow.com



Sing, Dine & Shine

Get ready for a night of music, food and unforgettable moments at Karaoke Koramangala Evenings. Enjoy the evening filled with tunes, delicious cuisine, and sing-along atmosphere.

When: Oct 9, 7pm
 Where: Marcopolo Cafe, Koramangala
 Details: bookmyshow.com



Sip and Groove

Unwind and elevate your Monday evening at Mystic Monday's Cocktail Party. Enjoy craft cocktails and soulful vibes that promise to rejuvenate your spirit.

When: Oct 9, 8pm
 Where: Ottoman Themed Restobar, Bellandur
 Details: bookmyshow.com



Wheel of Creation

Embark on a journey of artistic self-discovery, where the craft of pottery becomes a gateway to mindfulness and creativity. Learn the technique of hand building and wheel techniques.

When: Oct 9, 1:30 pm
 Where: Small World: S.T. Bed, Koramangala
 Details: bookmyshow.com



Splash of Colour

Experience an exciting and creative adventure at 'Coaster Painting Workshop'. Learn the art of painting and transforming ordinary coasters into miniature works with 1 hour workshop.

When: Oct 9, 5pm
 Where: Art Beat, HSR Layout
 Details: bookmyshow.com



Tumse Na Ho Payega (Hindi)

A young man named Agastya struggles with controlling his anger. This often leads him to make mistakes. When he meets Avni, a caring doctor, his quick temper causes problems. This sets off a journey of change for Agastya.

Cast: Mahima Makwana, Ishwak Singh, Amala Akkineni
 Watch On: Disney+ Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

HOSTEL DAZE (Hindi, series)

A gang prepares themselves for the placement year and give it their all to seek a respectable job before bidding a final adieu to their hostel lives.

Cast: Nikhil Vijay, Shubham Gaur
 Watch On: Amazon Prime Video



CHARLIE CHOPRA & THE MYSTERY OF SOLANG VALLEY (Hindi, series)

When her fiancé gets implicated in a murder, Charulata 'Charlie' Chopra arrives at his family home in pursuit of the truth. But as secrets tumble out that the murderer might be hiding, the next person to lose their life might be Charlie herself.

Cast: Wamiqa Gabbi, Neena Gupta, Ratna Pathak Shah, Naseeruddin Shah
 Watch On: SonyLIV

FOREIGN

THE WORST OF EVIL (Korean)

In the 1990s, a police officer went undercover to infiltrate a mega crime syndicate that distributes illegal drugs across South Korea, China, and Japan. His wife, a narcotics officer, is also involved.

Cast: Ji Chang-wook, Wi Ha-joon, Im Se-mi
 Watch On: Disney+ Hotstar



L-POP (Spanish)

Andrea is considered the number 1 fan of K-pop. While she loves dancing and listening to K-pop, she must divide her time between her passion, her dental studies, and her job at a coffee shop in Mexico City's Koreatown.

Cast: Andrea de Alba, Isan, Alicia Jaziz
 Watch On: Disney+ Hotstar



ENCOUNTERS (English, series)

Mass UFO sightings from the last 50 years fuel a global mystery in this docuseries featuring eyewitness accounts, expert interviews and new evidences.

Cast: Steve Allen, Tor Harrington, Sara Vanden Berge
 Watch On: Netflix



THE FAKE SHEIKH (English)

Maverick British reporter Mazher Mahmood, whose exposés generated headlines by his use of false identities to ensnare royals, sports stars, politicians, celebrities and members of the public.

Cast: Ali Afzal, Aylia Fox, Paul Samrai
 Watch On: Amazon Prime Video

Netflix:	₹199/month
Prime Video:	₹299/month
aha:	₹699/year
Disney+ Hotstar:	₹899/year
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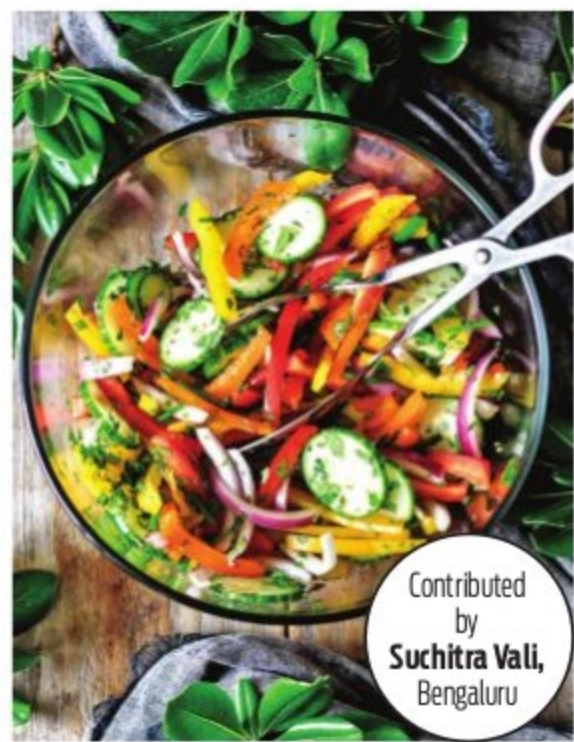


MEETING OF LEGENDS

Actor Ramesh Aravind and standup comedian Gangavathi Pranesh at a book launch held at Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICK FIX

FRESH BELL PEPPER SALAD



Contributed by
 Suchitra Vali,
 Bengaluru

INGREDIENTS

- Red Onion: 1
- Bell pepper: 2
- Garlic: 1 tbsp
- Lemon juice: 2 tbsp
- Mint: 1 sprig
- Sugar: 1 tsp
- Cucumber: 1

METHOD

- Slice the red onion, cucumber and bell peppers. Chop the mint and mince the garlic.
- For dressing, mix lemon juice, sugar, spices, and minced garlic together. Prepare at least half-cup of dressing. If not served right away, store the dressing separately.
- Put all the ingredients in a large bowl. Add mint just before tossing as it can turn brown if chopped and added to the salad too early.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

EKA PADA RAJAKAPOTASANA III PREP VARIATION (ONE LEGGED KING PIGEON POSE III PREP VARIATION)

This yoga pose prepares the body for Hatha Yoga practice, One Legged King Pigeon Pose III. It stimulates large and small intestine meridians, promotes deeper breathing and the energy flow throughout the body is harmonised.

STEPS

- Start in Adho Mukha Svanasana.
- Inhale, lift your left leg, exhale, place your left knee in between your palms with the toes pointing back.
- Lower your left outer thigh and knee on the floor, taking the left heel close to the right inner thigh.
- Straighten your right leg, toes pointing back.
- Bend forward and place your forearms on the floor, lift the spine and stay here.
- Inhale, bend your right leg, bringing the right foot closer to the hips.
- Hold the right toe or foot with your left arm.
- With your right forearm on the floor, look down.
- Stay here for about six deep breaths or as per the body's capacity.
- Exhale, release the pose and return to Adho Mukha Svanasana.
- Counter the stretch on the other side.
- Finally, release and relax in Balasana.

BENEFITS

- Stretches quadriceps, psoas, gluteus, hip flexors, and outer hip muscles.
- Strengthens the muscles of knees, arms, chest, ankles, legs, back, neck and shoulders.
- Increases hips' flexibility and mobility.
- Stimulates chest, diaphragm, digestive and reproductive systems.
- Improves respiratory system.
- Builds power and stamina in the body.
- Reduces stress and tension at hips, neck, upper back, and shoulders.
- Massages and nourishes the abdominal organs.
- Increases blood flow to hips, legs, and lower back.
- Included in therapy yoga, power yoga, hot yoga, and vinyasa yoga sequences.
- Increases metabolism and helps burn calories.

LIMITATIONS

People with injured knees, hips, ankles, lower back, hamstrings, shoulders, rib cage, spine, arms, or neck, recent surgeries in abdominal, hip, knee, or shoulders, body weakness, arthritis, or physical condition, slipped disc, acute lower back or leg pain, abdominal hernia, diarrhoea, BP, or a long illness, and pregnant women and women 8 weeks post-delivery should avoid this.



Senior citizens should practise it slowly.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

REGIONAL



BIYE BIBHRAT (Bengali)

After a few failed relationships, star singer Shakya agrees to meet the girl of his mother's choice to court her for marriage. The courtship takes an unexpected turn when the girl's ex-lover shows up.

Cast: Abir Chatterjee, Lahoma Bhattacharya, Parambrata Chatterjee
 Watch On: ZEE5

HOSTEL HUDUGARU BEKAGIDDARE (Kannada)

When a boys' hostel warden commits suicide, he leaves behind a note blaming some students residing on the premises for his death. The suspects must now come up with a plan to hide the body.

Cast: Prajwal BP, Manjunath Nayaka
 Watch On: ZEE5

WHO'S YOUR GYNAC? (Hindi, series)

Dr Vidushi Kothari, a 28-year-old optimistic OB-GYN struggles with her personal and professional problems while solving clinical cases that come her way.

Cast: Saba Azad, Karishma Singh
 Watch On: Amazon MiniTV



PAPAM PASIVADU (Telugu, series)

The story of a 25-year-old Kranthi, when three women fall in love with him at the same time.

Cast: Sreeram Chandra, Sri Vidya Maharshi
 Watch On: aha



NOW STREAMING

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

KODIAQ, Skoda's first foray into the full-size SUV fold, was a monumental success, attaining plaudits in both India and on the global stage. With a price tag ranging between ₹ 38 lakh and ₹41.4 lakh, the Kodiah emerges as a premium 4x4 alternative to entry-level models from luxury car brands.

I got to drive and experience the revamped Kodiah - a premium seven-seater 4x4 L&K - in Mumbai last week. Here, we bring you everything you need to know about the car - a symphony of luxury and performance.

Enhanced performance

Powered by the 2.0 TSI EVO engine, refined to comply with the new BS6 Phase2 emission norms, the Kodiah stands out with 4.2% enhanced efficiency. With a peak power of 187hp and 320nm torque, the luxurious SUV claims a sprint time of 0 to 100kmph in a mere 7.8 seconds.

Luxury & comfort

The Laurin & Klement variant prioritises luxury seating, featuring 12-way electrically adjustable front seats with integrated cooling and heating functions. The 2023 avatar of Kodiah introduces a virtual cockpit across all variants, and the L&K variant offers a fully programmable 26.03cm virtual cockpit with multiple themes to adapt to the driver's preference.

Innovative features

The Kodiah debuts clever

SYMPHONY OF OPULENCE & PERFORMANCE

With sleek design and state-of-the-art comforts, the new Skoda Kodiah is indeed a blend of extravagance & functionality



door-edge protectors, safeguarding the door's edges from damage. Inside, it features a Canton 625W 12-speaker audio system, a 20.32cm infotainment touchscreen with full connectivity, and wireless charging capabilities. For additional convenience, the Kodiah provides remote control access to windows, door mirrors, and the panoramic sunroof.

Earning 5 stars from Euro

NCAP for both adult and child passengers, Kodiah is armoured with nine airbags, adaptive front-LED headlights, and multi-collision braking, ensuring optimal safety. The top L&K variant is further fortified with a tyre pressure monitoring system and a 360-degree camera.

Spacious & flexible

Kodiah optimises space with a 40:20:40 split in the second row and a 50:50 split in the third-row seats, culminating in a substantial 2,065 litres of luggage space with five rear seats folded. The virtual pedal with the electric tailgate maximises convenience, allowing easy access to the 250 litres of boot space.

Dynamic drive experience

Although unable to test Kodiah's 4x4 ability, the SUV demonstrated impeccable driving pleasure and comfort in regular traffic, thanks to its progressive steering and dynamic chassis control system offering six distinct drive modes. The Kodiah is a testament to premium luxury, comfort features, and drivability for those seeking a sub-50 lakh 4x4 SUV.

Final verdict

Embarking on a journey through the vibrant streets of Mumbai, the revamped Skoda Kodiah left a lasting impression, combining luxury, state-of-the-art features, and robust performance. Whether it's the luxurious seating, seamless connectivity, or safety features, the Kodiah appears to leave no stone unturned, offering a comprehensive package for those pursuing extravagance and functionality in a full-size SUV.

**Mercedes-Benz AMG G 63
Grand Edition**

Mercedes-Benz India has unveiled the highly exclusive and limited AMG G63 'Grand Edition.'

This model is available strictly for existing Mercedes-Maybach, Mercedes-AMG, and S-Class customers, with only 25 units allocated to the Indian market out of the 1,000 manufactured globally. It features the AMG logo and the Mercedes Star in Kalahari gold magno, paired with an exclusive MANUFAKTUR night black magno paint and gold-coloured detailing. Specs include 430 kW (585 hp), 850 Nm torque, 0-100kmph in 4.5 secs, and a top speed of 220kmph. Deliveries begin Q1 2024, with prices starting at ₹4 crore.

NEW RELEASES**Honda Activa Limited Edition**

The Activa Limited Edition from Honda carries the iconic design forward, featuring a dark colour theme, black chrome elements, and a body colour dark finish rear grab rail. It's available in two colours: Matte Steel Black Metallic and Pearl Siren Blue. The DLX variant features alloy wheels, and the top-spec variant offers Honda's Smart Key. It's powered by a 109.5cc, BSVI OBD2 compliant PGM-FI engine, producing 5.77kW power and 8.90Nm of torque. Priced at ₹80,734 (ex-showroom, Delhi), bookings are currently open.

Honda SP125 Sports Edition

The SP125 Sports Edition from Honda introduces an aggressive tank and enhanced graphics, available in Decent Blue Metallic and Heavy Grey Metallic colours. The bike features a bright LED headlamp and a fully digital instrument console. Powered by a 123.94cc BSVI OBD2 compliant PGM-FI engine, it outputs 8kW power & 10.9Nm of torque. It's priced at ₹90,567 (ex-showroom, Delhi), with bookings now open.

**Premium
design**

The latest variant of Kodiah continues to brandish its characteristic sharp and sleek design, including Skoda's signature butterfly grille and LED lighting. The refined character lines and 18-inch alloy wheels contribute to its aesthetic allure, ensuring the vehicle remains forever in vogue.

The writer is a freelance auto expert who hosts TV shows and anchors the YouTube channel 'CARKADUVA'

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REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

**PUBLIC NOTICE****CHANGE OF NAME**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUMATIYA TARANNUM W/o SAKHIB ZAMAN**, residing at #70, Rajyotsavanagar, 2nd Cross, Kumaraswamy layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560 078 hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **ZAHAN FAYIQ** to **ZAHAN SAKHIB**, vide affidavit dated 30-09-2023 sworn before Notary: Chandrashekaraiah

CHANGE OF NAME
We, Gopalachari C M S/o Late Munishamachari and D Geetha W/o Gopalachari C M, residing at #77/A, Chagalahatti, Bagalur, Bangalore-560068, declare that we have changed the name of our son Chi.Pavanakumar G @ Purushotham G, to **PAVAN KUMARACHARI G**, vide affidavit dated 30.09.2023 sworn to before Notary- C. Venkatapathy and herein afterwards he will be called and known for all acts, deeds and things as **PAVAN KUMARACHARI G**, only.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SHEIK FAZAL AHMED**, S/o Tahir Rashed, aged about 24 years, R/at No. 8, BHCS Layout, Virat Nagar Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068, Karnataka, do hereby declare that the names i.e. **KANCHAGHAR ARIFA ANJUM**, **ARIFA ANJUM TAHIR** and **TARIFA ANJUM** are one and the same and belongs to my mother only, vide affidavit dated 14-09-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **DHARANI .P** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **THARALA SUDHEER KUMAR**, W/o K. Sudheer Kumar, R/at Bhumika Pearl, Flat No. 202, 3rd Cross, Lalajinagar, Lakkasandra, Adugodi Post, Bengaluru-560030, have changed my name to **THARALA SUDHEERKUMAR**, vide affidavit dated 06-10-2023 before Notary **C.V. EAPAPPA**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHAMPA RITESH** (New Name), W/o. Ritesh Kumar, residing at No. 519/18, 4th A Main, 6th Cross, N S Palya, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076 Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from **CHAMPA RANI GOVIND PATEL** (Old Name) to **CHAMPA RITESH** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called **CHAMPA RITESH** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 07/10/2023, before Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN. K**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Daksh Desai, aged about 19 years, S/o. Mr. Mayank Dilipbhai Desai, R/at # 30, Daksh, LRDE Layout, Karthik Nagar, Doddanekundi, Bengaluru - 560 037, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **'DAKSH DESAI'** to **'DAKSH MAYANK DESAI'**. Vide Affidavit dated 06.10.2023, Sworn before **Advocate and Notary Indira S S**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Milind Madhavrao Halyal**, aged 48 years, R/a Tower-10, Apt 1203, Salarpuria Sattva Divinity, Near Nayandahalli Metro, Mysore Road, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560039. I have changed my name from **Milind Halyal** to **MILIND MADHAVRAO HALYAL**. Vide affidavit dt : 06-10-2023. Sworn before notary: Deepa.M.

CHANGE OF NAME
"I, **CAMILLE PETER GONSALVES**, have on this 07th day of October 2023, changed my name to **CAMILLE GONSALVES**, Vide affidavit dated 07th October 2023, before Mr. S. Ramesh, Notary Public, Bengaluru".

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JASMIN BANU JUNAID**, W/o. Mohammed Akram, aged about 26 years, residing at No.247, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Bharath Nagar, Thanisandra Main Road, Bengaluru-560 077, have changed my name from **JASMIN BANU JUNAID** to **JASMIN BANU**, vide affidavit dated 7/10/2023 sworn to before S.Venkatasubba Reddy advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SARA ARUNAGIRI** D/o M Doraiswamy Arunagiri, aged about 59 years, presently residing at Number 231, Bhuvana, 5th B Main Road, Near Banaswadi Traffic Police Station, HRBR layout, 2nd Block, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560 043, have changed my name from **SARALA ARUNAGIRI** to **SARA ARUNAGIRI**, vide affidavit dated 22/9/2023 sworn to before G.Dayananda advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Prabakar J**, legal heir of Jesu, aged about 48 years, currently residing at St Joseph Vaz Church, C/AI, Nagarbhavi, 2 stage, I block, near BDA complex, Bengaluru 560072, have changed my name from **PRABAKAR J** to **PRABHAKAR J**, vide affidavit dated 6/10/2023 sworn to before Chandrashekaraiah S advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAHALAKSHMI. C**, W/o Ramesh, and Resident of No.81, 3rd Cross, Banagiri Nagar, Yellappa Garden, Banashankari, 3 Stage, Bangalore-560 085, have changed my name from **MALATHI** to **MAHALAKSHMI. C**, vide affidavit dated 7/10/2023 sworn to before R.Basavaraja advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUJATHA SUNIL** W/o Mr. Sunil Kumar K, residing at No.22, Zion, 3rd Main Road, Evergreen Street, United Pentecostal Fellowship, Udayanagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560016. Do hereby declare that my name changed from **"SUJATHA SUNIL"** (Old Name) to **SUJATHA C** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 05.10.2023 sworn to before Mr. Subashini, B.Sc., LL.B., Advocate & Notary, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJUNATH RAMAKRISHNAIAH**, S/o. Ramakrishnaiah Muniveerappa, residing at #66/49, 1st Main Road, Garudacharpalya, Bengaluru-560048, have changed my name to **MANJUNATH MUNIVEERAPPA RAMAKRISHNAIAH**, vide Affidavit Dated: 07/10/2023 before Notary B.V.NAGABHUSHANA, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **GANGADHAR .K**, Aged about 47 years, S/o. Sri. G. Krishna Murthy, residing at No. 999/A, 11th Main, 1st Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru - 560 079, do hereby declare that in my son's **KAUSHIK .K** Educational records my name has been mentioned as **GANGADHARA .K** instead of **GANGADHAR .K**. I declare that my actual and correct name is **GANGADHAR .K** and the same is mentioned in my Aadhar Card, Passport, PAN Card and etc. Vide affidavit dated 06.10.2023 sworn to before R. Basavaraja, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAYABHARATHI B.U**, wife of Vinod Kumar, E. aged about 40 years, residing at No. 9/A, Kiran Nilaya, 1st Cross, Raghava Nagar, Bangalore - 560 026, do hereby declare that **JAYABHARATHI B.U** and **JAYABHAATHI .B.V** are one and the same person and I hereby declare through this affidavit that from now onwards my name shall be **JAYABHARATHI B.U** for all practical purposes. Vide affidavit dated 6.10.2023 sworn to before Mohamed Shafulla, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAMSHAD BEGUM**, W/o. Mohammed Khan, Aged about 51 years, Residing at No. 155, 7th Main Road, 14th Cross, Roopena Agrahara, Behind Presidency School, Bangalore - 560 068, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AYESHA BEGUM** to **SHAMSHAD BEGUM** vide affidavit dated 07.10.2023 sworn to before Dharani .P, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF DATE OF BIRTH
I, **Service No. 14930508L Hav Prabhu M S/o. V Moorthy of 1 Kar Armd Sqn. NCC Vadamathi Mangalam** declare that my wife **P. Rekha** actual date of birth is **19-04-1987** for correction in my service record vide affidavit sworn before notary **G.B.Turamari Bangalore on 06-10-2023**.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOWRAMMA GEETHA**, W/o. B M B Dilip, Aged 52 years, Residing at No. 9, Someswara Temple Road, Suggethah, Hunasamaranahalli Post, Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 562 127, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **K.M. GOWRAMMA @ GEETHA** to **GOWRAMMA GEETHA** vide affidavit dated 07.10.2023 sworn to before G.R. Ravichandra Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Farhad Tayeb Shahpurwala**, Aged about 62 years, S/o. Tayeb H Shahpurwala, Residing at No. 5/13, Husainabad Apartment, Langford Road, OLEF Street, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 025, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Farhad Tayeb Shahpurwala** to **Farhad Tayeb Shahpurwala** vide affidavit dated 07.10.2023 sworn to before Munirathamma .D, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **Mr. VENKATEGOWDA**, S/o. Devegowda, Aged about 39 years & **Mrs. VIMALA .B.M**, W/o. Mr. Venkategowda, Aged about 31 years, both are residing at No. 10, Thanisandra, Rachenahalli Main Road, Near Government School, Bangalore - 560 077, do hereby declare that we have changed our son name from **LIKITH V GOWDA** to **LISHAN V GOWDA** vide affidavit dated 21.10.2022 sworn to before K.V. Nanjaiah, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Anish .M.T. S/o. M.K. Tripuran**, Aged about 36 years, R/at Flat No. A-203, Jeevan Exotica, Near Belathur Auto Stand, Jeevan Exotica Road, Belathur, Kadugodi Post, Bengaluru - 560 067, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **AYANTIKA MULLASSERY ANISH** to **AYANTIKA .M.A** vide affidavit dated 7.10.2023 sworn to before K.V. Bachi Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Anish .M.T. S/o. M.K. Tripuran**, Aged about 36 years, R/at Flat No. A-203, Jeevan Exotica, Near Belathur Auto Stand, Jeevan Exotica Road, Belathur, Kadugodi Post, Bengaluru - 560 067, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **AYANSH MULLASSERY ANISH** to **AYANSH .M.A** vide affidavit dated 7.10.2023 sworn to before K.V. Bachi Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHARATH BAFNA**, S/o. Champalal Jain, Aged about 47 years, residing at Kumar Krupa Road, Opp. Chitrakala Parishat, Kumar Park, Bengaluru GPO, Bengaluru - 560 001, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BHARATH JAIN** to **BHARATH BAFNA** vide affidavit dated 07.10.2023 sworn to before V. Rangaramu, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **POONAM BAFNA**, W/o. Bharath Bafna, Aged about 42 years, residing at Kumar Krupa Road, Opp. Chitrakala Parishat, Kumar Park, Bengaluru GPO, Bengaluru - 560 001, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **POONAM BHARAT BAFNA** to **POONAM BAFNA** vide affidavit dated 07.10.2023 sworn to before V. Rangaramu, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SIVA PRASADA RAJU** I, S/o. Vishwantha Raju, Aged about 44 years, R/at No. 182/A, New Railway Quarters, Muneswaramanagar, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru - 560 022, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **INDUKURI SIVAPRASAD RAJU** to **SIVA PRASADA RAJU** I, my wife name from **INDUKURI VIJAYALAKSHMI** to **VIJAYALAKSHMI** I and my son name from **INDUKURI SAITEJA VARMA** to **SAI TEJA VARMA** I vide affidavit dated 06.10.2023 sworn to before W/It Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NIKHIL SHARMA**, Previously called **RAVINDRA KUMAR**, S/o Satyawan Sharma, R/at No. 23, 9th Main, 16th Cross, Lakksandra, Bangalore-560030. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **"RAVINDRAKUMAR"** to **"NIKHIL SHARMA"** Vide Affidavit dated 27.09.2023. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, R.S.Vijay Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Pooja Arun Kumar**, S/o. Sri. Arun Kumar Waster A, D/o Sri. Nagaraj Shinde, Aged about 25 years, R/at No. 343, 2nd Main, 4th C Cross, 5th Block, Kalthiguppi, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **"POOJA SHINDE"** to **"POOJA ARUN KUMAR"** Vide Affidavit dated 03.10.2023, Sworn before Advocate and Notary B Prasanna, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT (ONE AND THE SAME PERSON NAME)
I, **A HEMAVATHI SHRINIVASA** W/o Sri J S Shrinivasah, Aged about 47 years, R/at No 48, 25/1B, Nanda Gokula, Near Ganesha Temple, Jaraganahalli, J P Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560078, do hereby solemnly declare that as per my Aadhaar Card my name is **A HEMAVATHI** & in Passport my name is mentioned as **HEMAVATHI SHRINIVASA**, both the names belongs to me only. Henceforth my name will be **A HEMAVATHI SHRINIVASA** only in my records Vide affidavit dated: 06.10.2023 sworn to before Advocate and Notary Suma Seshagiri, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TAHMEEM BANU KANAHI**, W/o Rahim Barigidda, aged 25 years, Residing at No.006, 6th Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Chinnappanahalli, Bangalore-560037, Karnataka. have changed my name to **TAHMEEM BANU RAHIM BARIGIDDA** as per Gazette endorsement No.DPS/GCP/Unit-2/Gazette/358/2023-24 dated 04/10/2023. Vide Affidavit dated 07-10-2023 sworn before Advocate & Notary N. Kanchivaradharaju, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AALIYA MUSHTAQ AHMED NADAF** resident of No.129, 13th B Cross, 8th Main, Near Water Tank, BTM 2nd STAGE, BG Road, Bangalore - 560076 have changed my name to **AALIYA MUSHTAQ NADAF** Vide Affidavit dated 07.10.2023 sworn before advocate and notary **CN Balasubramanyam**, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SATHYA SHEELAN SUNDAR RAJ**, Aged about 45 years, S/o. Sundar Raj, residing at No 1766, 2nd Cross, Samadhana Nagar, Kadugondanna Halli, AC Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560045, have changed my name from **SATHYA SHEELAN** to **SATHYA SHEELAN SUNDAR RAJ** Vide Affidavit dated 06-10-2023 sworn before Advocate & Notary Uday Kumar K, Bangalore



Vijay Kumar

LYCA PRODUCTIONS APPROACHES VIJAY KUMAR FOR NIKHIL'S NEXT

The makers are in talks with the *Bheema* actor for a prominent role in Lakshman's directorial



Nikhil Kumar

A SHARADHAA

Nikhil Kumar is currently busy filming his upcoming movie, directed by Lakshman. The project marks the foray of the noted banner Lyca Productions into Kannada cinema. While the principal cast includes Yukti Thareja (*Rangab-*

ali) and Komal Kumar, there's speculation that the production house has approached actor Vijay Kumar for a prominent role. It will be intriguing to see what kind of role Vijay Kumar has been considered for in this multilingual film, which will be made in Kannada and Telugu and dubbed in other languages. More details about the Duniya and Salaga actor's involvement in the film is expected to be revealed by

the production house in the coming days. This project marks director Lakshman's (*Bogan, Bhoomi, Romeo and Juliet*) Kannada debut. The yet-to-be-titled project will have Raghu Niduvalli penning the dialogues, Ajaanesh Loknath scoring the music, and Vamsi Patchipulusu as the cinematographer. Meanwhile, Vijay Kumar is busy with his second directorial project, *Bheema*, set for a November release.

Christoph Waltz onboard *Frankenstein*

CE FEATURES

Earlier this year, speculations were rife that acclaimed filmmaker Guillermo Del Toro would be helming an upcoming live-action film, *Frankenstein*, centred on the iconic 19th-century horror novel by Mary Shelley. It was also learned that actors Oscar Isaac, Andrew Garfield and Mia Goth will be teaming up for the upcoming project.

In a recent interview, the veteran confirmed that the film is on track and that the shooting will commence in February 2024, "I'm doing *Frankenstein*. We're working on it. We start shooting in February, and it's a movie I have been wanting to do for 50 years since I saw the first *Frankenstein*." He said.

The Academy Award winner also stated that he wanted to make the film for a long time. "I had an epiphany, and it's basically a movie that required a lot of growth and a lot of tools that I couldn't have done 10 years ago. Now I'm brave or crazy enough or something, and we're gonna tackle it." He also added that actor Christoph Waltz is also part of the cast, "It's Oscar Isaac, Andrew Garfield, Christoph Waltz, and Mia Goth, and we're working on it."

It is to be noted that Waltz had earlier collaborated with Del Toro for last year's Oscar winner for Best Animated Feature Film, *Pinnocchio*, where Waltz played Count Volpe.

Meanwhile, Christoph Waltz was last seen in the fantasy adventure comedy *The Portable Door*.



'Experienced actors should continue to be valued alongside fresh talent'

...says Sangeetha Bhat, as she discusses her comeback, highlights the shifting dynamics of the industry and offers a glimpse into her upcoming film, *Klanta*

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Sangeetha Bhat, known for her roles in films like *Preethi Geethi Ityadi*, *Eradane Sala*, and *Dayavittu Gamanisi*, took a break from the film industry in 2018. During this hiatus, she had pending films such as *Kismat*, *Anukta*, *Kapata Nataka Paatradari*, *Alidu Ulidavaru*, and *Aadya*, which were released at different times. This versatile actor, who was juggling both serials and films, is now excited to make her comeback.

The recent release of the teaser for her upcoming film, *Klanta*, directed by Vaibhav Prashanth, has garnered significant attention. A suspense thriller, revolving around two young lovers who confront a gang attack during their expedition through a dense forest. The teaser offers a glimpse into their encounter with the gang and the challenges they face. The movie features Vignesh as the hero, and Sangeetha acknowledges that her role in this film differs from her typical 'girl-next-door' characters. "I have action stunts in *Klanta*," she mentions.

Reflecting on her career, which began in 2000 while she was balancing both serials and films, Sangeetha said there was a period of saturation that eventually led to her hiatus. When asked if she regrets taking a break, she reveals, "I do regret it. When I left films, there were many missed opportunities, and now, returning, especially post-Covid, the industry dy-

namics have changed. The types of films and opportunities emerging indicate a different market, for better or worse."

Regarding her comeback, she explains how it unfolded. "Acting has been my sole passion since my teenage years, and I couldn't let it go. During my time in Germany, my husband, Sudharshan, who is also an artist, noticed the change in me and discussed it. I realised my love for art and the need to return and restart my career."

Now back in the industry, Sangeetha is adapting to changes, emphasising her increased focus on fitness and aligning her work with her roles and mind-set. Her time in Germany broadened her perspective, making her more open and liberated. She shares, "Living in a different country helped me step out of my comfort zone, experience various traditions, and become more open-minded. Despite facing criticism, I aim to break barriers and challenge social norms. I'm open to any meaningful role."

Sangeetha also observes the industry's inclination towards newcomers, which she views positively. However, she believes that experienced actors should continue to be valued alongside fresh talent. "Experienced actors, in addition to newcomers, can contribute valuable industry experience," she concludes.



Sangeetha Bhat

'The real *Raja Yoga* is the story and director Lingaraj'

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Dharmanna Kadur, known for his character and comic roles, is making his debut as a hero in the upcoming film, *Raja Yoga*. The film is ready for release, and the makers have released a trailer.

Director Lingaraj Uchangi Durga's roots and his aspirations in filmmaking have given rise to *Raja Yoga*, which is set in a rural backdrop. "This is my debut directorial. The film is all about how sincerity and hard work will lead to success. After seeing Dharmanna's performance in *Rama Rama Re*, I felt he was the perfect fit for the hero role. The film tells the story of a father-son relationship, balancing serious themes with humor. Our aim is to focus on the present rather than dwelling on the past or the future. Everyone, including us, often thinks about the past and the future, which affects our present life. That's the essence of this film. We worked on this film for 45 days in three stages, and the post-pro-

duction work is currently in progress. We will announce the release date soon," he mentions.

Dharmanna humbly considers the real heroes to be the story and the director. "I've only played a role in this film, which balances comedy, emotion, and everything else. It's a role I've never played before, and I'm happy about that. The film conveys values about relationships in a humorous way, and the narration will remind everyone of films that featured great actors like Anant Nag and Shashi Kumar."

Raja Yoga is being produced by Kumar Kanthirava of Shriramratna Productions. The film features music composed by Akshay Rishab and cinematography by Vishnu Prasad Chhayagrahan. *Raja Yoga* features Niriksha Ravi as the female lead, along with Deekshit Krishna, Krishnamurthy Kavatara, Srinivas Goud, Usha Ravi Shankar, Mahantesh Hiremath, and others in pivotal characters.



A still from the film the film

A FITTING TRIBUTE TO CHIRANJEEVI SARJA'S DEVOTED FANBASE

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Rajamarthanda bids a regal farewell to late actor Chiranjeevi Sarja's cinematic journey. Directed by Ram Narayan, this film's unique aspect is the involvement of Chiranjeevi's sibling, Dhruva Sarja, who lends his voice to the protagonist, Raja (portrayed by Chiranjeevi Sarja).

The film introduces Raja, a wandering soul, who lives with his grandmother, Sumithra. We also meet Geetha (Deepti Sati), a dedicated medical scholar who researches split personality disorder. Their paths serendipitously inter-

sect, piquing Geetha's interest in Raja's distinctive behaviour during confrontations, inciting her desire to delve deeper into his psyche. However, as the plot unfolds, it becomes evident that Raja's erratic behaviour is not a result of a psychological disorder but rather an expression of his 'Royal lineage'.

As Raja unravels the mysteries of his heritage and the tragic demise of his parents, the film takes a revenge-driven turn.

Raja, the son of Veera Marthanda (Devaraj), discovers that a treacherous manager and his son, Shiva (Bajarangi Lok), were responsible for the ruthless

RAJAMARTHANDA

Cast: Chiranjeevi Sarja, Deepti Sati, Sumitra, and Devaraj

Director: Ram Narayan



act that claimed his family Fate, however, had different plans, leading Raja and his grandmother into a life of exile. The remainder of the film delves into Raja's relentless pursuit of vengeance.

Rajamarthanda, which initially hinted at a split personality disorder, eventually unfolds as a quintessential revenge drama. This film, which had its inception in 2017, exudes a certain nostalgic charm. While the storyline is engaging, it adheres to the familiar tropes of the genre.

On the technical front, *Rajamarthanda* has some laudable efforts from the cinematographer, editor and music

composer, elevating the film's visual and auditory appeal. Chiranjeevi Sarja's farewell performance serves as a fitting tribute to his devoted fanbase. He displays his exquisite artistry in the grandiose frames and delivers a distinctive dialect. Dhruva admirably strives to match his brother's on-screen presence.

The ensemble cast significantly contributes to the storytelling. Their performances enhance the film's overall impact, making it a compelling watch for all Chiranjeevi Sarja fans who wish to savour one last glimpse of his cinematic journey. *Rajamarthanda* encapsulates the essence of an actor's farewell, brimming with both nostalgia and admiration.

RATING
2.5/5